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**AFTER AMY**  
**LINDA '65 AND PETER BIEHL '65 TURN**  
**GRIEF INTO ACTION**

SPRING 1999



Penny (Carns) '68 and  
Vince Fraumeni '69

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Some never will.

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*By Shawn Fitzpatrick '98*



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*Louise Gubb / SABA*



# A LETTER

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Anthony R. Pierno '54

This space in *The Rock* is usually reserved for the president's column, but since Whittier College is in the midst of a presidential transition, I thought it would be appropriate for me to give you an update on the search for the college's next president.

The search is well under way; in fact, by the time you read this, I hope that the presidential search and selection committees will be very close to identifying the individual who will serve in that role. However, publication deadlines being what they are, I am writing this column as the committees are in the midst of narrowing the list of candidates and reviewing their qualifications.



Anthony R. Pierno '54  
Chairman, Whittier College  
Board of Trustees

As this process moves forward, I want to share with you a profile of the qualities the committees have agreed will be important in Whittier's next president. Of course, it is far easier to create such a profile than to discover a person who embodies it. But the committee members agree that we must clearly state our objectives from the beginning, and that when confronted with

flesh-and-blood candidates, our admittedly idealistic profile will help us to keep an eye on our ultimate goal of recruiting the best possible president for Whittier College.

Whoever that person is, the committee members are confident that he or she will share the college's commitment to developing the unique gifts of each person and continue Whittier's tradition of respect for individual character, personal integrity, tolerance, procedure by consensus and service to the community. He or she will be at ease with the college's values, including our Quaker heritage and excellence in teaching, and will have a clear understanding of and a strong commitment to liberal arts education.

Whittier's next president will have the skills necessary to be an effective leader of both a small liberal arts college and a law school—an unusual combination—and be able to enhance the strengths of each component as well as the whole. He or she will also be an experienced and skilled fund raiser who is committed to developing support for the college. And, of course, the next president will be a strong administrator with a record of scholarly achievement and a sincere commitment to the students and traditions of Whittier College.

It is a tall order, to be sure, but I am confident that the committees' efforts will bring us a president who will continue to strengthen the financial underpinnings of the college and to enhance our unique community of students, faculty and staff.

These committees do much of their work behind the scenes, but I want to take this opportunity to let you know who the committee members are and to

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# TO THE EDITOR

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## FRESH RESPONSES TO "FRESH VOICES"

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Double kudos to the editor for printing Michal Merraro's essay ("Fresh Voices: Three views from the Class of '02"). By including Michal's essay, *The Rock* and Whittier College reaffirmed my belief in the continuing open-minded approach taken in accepting all students from different backgrounds. This was the very reason I chose to finish my edu-

cation at Whittier, because of the college's refusal to accept homophobia, racism and sexism among its ranks.

*Todd Anthony Hopkins, '98  
Whittier, Calif.*

◆ ◆ ◆  
Well, like one of the "Fresh Voices" in your most recent issue, "I'm sitting here, staring at my computer monitor, growing more and more uneasy."

Hey, call me old-fashioned, but I really don't need to pick up *The Rock* and have a 17-year-old telling me how unique (and presumably superior) she is to be raised by "two liberal,

feminist (what else could they be?), lesbian Democrats."

I guess my "Leave it to Beaver" family background and my classic '50s Whittier College education (I guess it was Beaverish too?), just weren't broadening enough for me to appreciate this sort of pap.

The admissions office (and this young freshperson) should be greatly relieved that I'm not one of the people who has to re-view application essays.

Come to think of it, I'm relieved too!

Well, I may skim through the next *Rock*...and then again, I might not. Depends on whether the "Howdy Doody" re-runs are on.

*Ed Thomas '59  
Albany, N.Y.*

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*President's Corner continued*  
thank them, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, for their important contributions to this process.

The search committee, which constructs the search requirements, is chaired by Trustee Ronald R. Gastelum '68 and includes trustees Richard H. Deihl '49 and Ruth B. Shannon; college faculty members Frederic A. Bergerson, Joyce P. Kaufman, Paul Kjellberg and Robert A. Schambach; law school faculty members Gail Frommer and Richard Gruner, former trustee Rayburn S. Dezember '53, Alumni Association

President Margaret Donnellan Todd '76, former Alumni Association president Thomas D. Wood '50, trustee and law school alumnus Gary S. Findley '79, Vice President for Advancement Joseph M. Zanetta, and former student body president Karl Robinson '99. The selection committee, which reviews candidate materials and narrows the field, is chaired by Trustee Charlotte D. Graham, and includes trustees Willard V. Harris '55 and R. Chandler Myers; college faculty members Charles S. Adams and Stephen F. Overturf, and law school faculty member

Tyler T. Ochoa. As chairman, I serve on both committees as an ex-officio member. The eventual recommendations of the committees will be considered and acted upon by the Board of Trustees which, of course, has the ultimate responsibility for selection of the next president.

These are interesting times at Whittier, and exciting ones as well. My fellow trustees and I look forward to announcing the name of Whittier College's next president, and to opening this new chapter in the history of "the college loved so well." ◆



# ON CAMPUS

## ANNENBERG FOUNDATION GIVES LIBRARY GRANT

The Annenberg Foundation has awarded a \$1 million grant to Whittier for the college's library renovation project. The grant will be used to create an area of the library to house the college's collection of President Richard M. Nixon's vice-presidential memorabilia.

Nixon '34 served as a college trustee for nearly 30 years and received an honorary doctorate from Whittier in 1954.

In 1979, Nixon gave Whittier a collection of memorabilia from his vice-presidential years, including a lacquer box decorated with a view of the Kremlin presented to Nixon by Nikita Khrushchev, a Chinese vase presented by Deng Xiaoping, a candelabrum given to the Nixons by members of the Cabinet and their wives, and a silver Hanukkah lamp presented by David Ben-Gurion.

The memorabilia, along with an extensive collection of Nixon-related books and other printed materials, is housed in the Bonnie Bell Wardman Library. For security and space reasons, however, the collection is not readily accessible to library users.

Plans for expansion of Wardman Library include creating an appropriate place to house the Richard M. Nixon Collection. The Annenberg

Foundation grant will help to fund that project, which the college estimates will cost \$2.5 million.

"It was President Nixon who bestowed the title 'Ambassador' on Walter Annenberg," noted college Trustee Ruth B. Shannon. "I can think of no greater tribute than to have the Ambassador and his foundation, who have invested so much in education, provide a gift to President Nixon's alma mater."

To date, the college has received \$7 million for the library

project, which is a major component of the "Endowing the Tradition" campaign. Plans for the project are being finalized, with a timetable for construction to be established. ♦

## PROVOST RESIGNS TO BECOME KNOX COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Richard S. Millman, provost and dean of faculty, has resigned to become president of Knox College, an independent

## LOST WORLD SHOWCASES "LOST" PLAY BY HORTON FOOTE

Actress Peri Gilpin (center) of NBC's "Frasier" was on stage at the Shannon Center in November, performing the title role in a staged reading of Horton Foote's "The Day Emily Married." Crystal Brian, professor of theatre arts, directed the performance, which was presented by The Lost World, the Shannon Center's resident professional theater company. Although Foote completed the play in the late 1960s, "The Day Emily Married" has never been staged professionally. Brian, who is artistic director for The Lost World, hopes to present the play's professional world premiere at the Shannon Center this summer.



JOSH ESTEY / WHITTIER DAILY NEWS



## THE MYSTERY PHOTO

We guessed correctly—the overgrown mop-pets in the last's issue's Mystery Photo were indeed Spring Sing participants. They were members of 1978's "Curly Kindergarten Kids," and they performed a show-stopping medley of Shirley Temple tunes.

"We won first place in the Medium Group division," Marie (Becktel) Lopez '80 proudly informs us. "Believe it or not, I can still remember all the words."

Joining Lopez as Mystery Photo informants were Maryann



*The Curly Kindergarten Kids*

Courtois-Horsley '79, Lynn Condon Gunter '80, Johanna (DeYoung) Palmer '80, Deanna (Irvin) Severn '79 and Barbara (Hinds) Smith '81.

Nobody was able to match names with all the faces, but in piecing the responses together, here's what we came up with: Sandra Wilson-Espinosa '80 and Louis Santa Maria '79 are kneeling in front. Smith is the blonde woman at the far left, and Carolyn (Johnson) Rooder '81 is next to her. In the center are, from left, Sue (Skare) Woods '81, Lopez, and possibly Kathy Stocker '81. Up top in the center is Kathy (Robles) DeKramer '81. The woman at right whose face is covered remains unidentified, and behind her is Gunter.

IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY any of the unidentified, write to us at the address below; otherwise, we'll move on to this issue's Mystery Photo.

WE FOUND THIS PHOTO IN THE ALUMNI OFFICE FILES, in an envelope marked "One year's group all standing in plaza of University of Copenhagen." There's no date or other information about the group, which we assume is participating in the Whittier College-in-Copenhagen program. If you recognize

yourself or your friends, send a note to *The Rock*, Mystery Photo, Whittier College, P.O. Box 634, Whittier, CA 90608. You can also fax your answer to (562) 907-4927, or e-mail us at [therock@whittier.edu](mailto:therock@whittier.edu) (put "Mystery Photo" in your subject line). We need to receive your response by April 12 in order to include your name in the summer issue of *The Rock*.



*Were you with this group in Copenhagen?*

liberal arts college of about 1,100 students in Galesburg, Ill. Millman assumed the Knox presidency in January.

Millman, a mathematician, came to Whittier in 1995 from California State University at San Marcos, where he was provost

and dean of faculty. "My experience at Whittier taught me that selective liberal arts colleges really give the best education," he said. "One of the things that attracts me to Knox is the caring nature of the faculty and I'm spoiled, frankly, because that's

the way it is at Whittier."

Stepping in as interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty is David J. Muller, professor of music and associate dean of academic affairs. ♦

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# Noted & Quoted & Noted & Quoted & Noted & Quoted & Noted

A sampling of Whittier College and Whittier Law School people in the news.

## BOSTON GLOBE

Parents trying to keep their kids from catching the holiday "gimmies" got sound advice from **Judith Wagner**, professor of education and child development and director of the Broadoaks Children's School, in December. "Children are not born with the 'gimmies,'" said Wagner. "They only turn into materialistic creatures with the help of grown-ups." Wagner suggested choosing gifts that create family rituals, such as board games that parents and kids can play together around the Christmas tree, and that encourage creativity, such as art supplies. The column also ran in the *Houston Chronicle* and the *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City). Wagner was also quoted in another December *Globe* parenting column on avoiding power struggles with preschoolers.

Also in the *Globe* in December, religious studies Professor **Joseph L. Price** discussed why the dismal state of professional sports in Boston might not be all bad news for fans. "For many people, victory is not a daily reality," he said. "They would certainly like the vicarious experience of being victorious. But the team that perseveres through finding new ways to lose can render their own experiences quite meaningful."

## LOS ANGELES TIMES

The ferocity of the **Whittier Poets** was sadly underestimated

twice in the same day by *Times* columnists in December. Steve Harvey included the Poets on his list of Southland teams with "harmless"-sounding names. And Steve Chawkins, musing about appropriate mascots for a new university campus in Ventura County, wrote, "We don't want to drape [the student athletes] in the lacy mantle of prissiness. I'm sure Whittier College has spirited teams and ardent fans. But I picture only a ripple of polite applause when a Whittier Poet scores a touchdown, with ambulances waiting on the sidelines for Poets doubled over by the moment's raw emotion." (Obviously, neither columnist had been paying attention to the SCIAC football rankings.)

## AMERICAN SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY

The renovation of **Victor F. Deihl Hall** was recognized in November with the Louis I. Kahn Citation, the magazine's top award for college building design. "Beautiful restoration; maintains original character," noted the judges. "The building has been completely transformed without visible intrusion or obscuring historic architectural details."

## WASHINGTON POST

A few days before Christmas, **Charles T. Hill**, professor of psychology, discussed the complex and unwritten rules that apply to holiday gift-giving. What you buy and for whom, Hill said, is

"a way of expressing who you are and your relationship to each other. Gifts are supposed to represent feelings—the liking, the love, the respect."

## CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Jan Merideth**, executive director of human resources, discussed how her profession has changed over the years in a December story. Merideth noted that human resources professionals have moved from pushing papers and collecting information to helping employees manage their jobs and careers. Among the skills required in her position, she says, are "listening skills, patience, time management, good organization and flexibility."

## THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER (PBS)

A January story and panel discussion about the advent of the euro featured **Stephen F. Overturf**, the Douglas W. Ferguson Professor of Economics. When asked about the euro's effect on the American economy, Overturf noted that "we're already looking at new bond ... and stock issues coming out in euros. ... Right now, you might not think about buying an Italian bond or a French stock, but certainly if these are issued in euros, where there's very little worry about fluctuations in the exchange rate, I think you're much more likely to see that happen."



# ALUMNI ECHOES

## HOMECOMING 1998

A beautiful fall weekend greeted alumni who gathered on campus for "Homecoming 1998—Remember the Time."

Festivities began Friday evening when more than 160 alumni and friends gathered at the Whittier Hilton to welcome the newest inductees into the Purple & Gold Athletic Hall of Fame. On Saturday morning, societies held their annual

defeat the Redlands Bulldogs 31-29 for the league championship. Former Poet tackle and Hall of Famer Myron Claxton '40 called it "one of the most exciting games I've ever seen."

The excitement of the game carried over to the Family Carnival and Homecoming Dinner on the baseball field. Children's activities included face-painting, bobbing for apples



NEIL SWITZER '94

*Mask-making was one of several events just for children at Homecoming '98.*



CHRISTINE (REEL) NELSON '72

*A highlight of the Homecoming '98 dinner was the drawing for the 1985 Jaguar XJ6 formerly owned by Poet and NFL coach George Allen. Vince Daigneault '85 held the winning ticket, and in a surprise gesture, he presented the keys to trustee Bill Harris '55, who played for Coach Allen. The raffle generated almost \$9,000 for athletics, including the George Allen Fitness Center. Shown with the car are Harriet Harris, Bill Harris, Daigneault and Etty Allen.*

brunches and the members of the Class of 1948 entered the ranks of the Golden Anniversary Club as they presented their class gift of \$314,000.

On Saturday afternoon, more than 2,000 alumni and friends watched the Poet football team

and mask-making. Current students climbed the Velcro wall and gyrated in the human gyroscope, while alumni, faculty and friends enjoyed the beer and wine garden. "Mingling alumni, students, parents and faculty created a truly remarkable

Homecoming," said Christine (Reel) Nelson '72, director of alumni relations. "It just gets better and better, so don't miss out on Homecoming 1999. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 15-17." ♦

## POET ALUMNI AWARDS

Every other year, the Alumni Association honors alumni for achievement, service to the college, and community and public service at the Poet Awards Gala, which opens Homecoming Weekend.

We need your nominations now. Include the nominee's name, class year and qualifications for the award, as well as your name and contact information. (Alumni are welcome to



nominate themselves.) All nominations are confidential and this year's winners will be selected by the Awards Committee of the Alumni Association.

Send your nomination by mail to the Whittier College Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 634, Whittier, CA 90608; by fax at (562) 907-4817; or via e-mail to [cnelson@whittier.edu](mailto:cnelson@whittier.edu). ♦

### PRE-MBA SOCIETY

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Did you know that last year more than 200,000 students were enrolled in MBA programs worldwide? And, for the first time, the salaries of business school graduates exceeded those of law school graduates.

To provide the preparation necessary for Whittier students to be admitted to the top business schools, the Pre-MBA Society was founded this year. For all students, regardless of major, the club will provide assistance in advisement, GMAT preparation and job/internship placement before and after graduation. They will also sponsor an eight-week, 20-session GMAT review and preparation class taught by Charles Trent, a former Princeton Review instructor.

With support from the Office of Career Services, students Carlos Cortez '01 and Wes Sims '01 are serving as club officers. Jeff Decker, assistant professor of business administration and winner of the 1997 Nerhood Teaching

Award, is advisor. If you are interested in learning more about the Pre-MBA Society or talking with students about your graduate school and/or work experience, contact Decker at (562) 907-4256. ♦

### CAREER CONSULTANT NETWORK

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The Office of Career Services is updating its Career Consultant Network database and transferring it to Jobtrak, an on-line career service for college students. The database includes names, professional positions and employers of participating alumni. It is useful to students in a variety of ways, including research projects, information interviews for career exploration, and assistance in finding internships and part- and full-time jobs.

If you're interested in participating in this service for current Whittier College students, contact Lynn Pearson, director of career services, at (562) 907-4200, ext. 4415, or via e-mail at [lpearson@whittier.edu](mailto:lpearson@whittier.edu). ♦

### CYBER-WHITTIER UPDATE

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"Keeping Whittier alumni in touch with the college and each other." That's the welcome on the alumni page of the Whittier College Web Site at [www.whittier.edu](http://www.whittier.edu).

If you haven't checked it out lately, take a look. Links include the Alumni Association, People, Alumni Activities, Regional Chapters and a guestbook.

The Communications Committee of the Alumni Board, chaired by Dean Rowan '81, is suggesting ways to better communicate with alumni through the Internet. Watch for future updates as we continue to upgrade this important service to alumni. ♦

## ALUMNI HOUSE NEWS

The dream of an on-campus Alumni House is about to become a reality, as plans are being finalized for College Hall, former site of the Lester L. Harris Speech and Hearing Clinic, to be renovated into the new home of the Office of Alumni Relations. Located near the top of Earlham Drive, the Alumni House will be near the Graham Athletics Center and the Hartley House faculty master's home.

In addition to providing office space for the Alumni Relations staff, the house will accommodate Alumni Board, reunion and committee meetings along with special alumni receptions. Alumni files and display cases for college, society, and Alumni Association memorabilia and trophies will also be housed there.

Due to the generosity of the Class of 1957, which designated its 40th-reunion class gift for an alumni house, the project is finally under way, with completion expected this summer.

The class gift committee, chaired by college Trustee Roberta (Garrett) Veloz, included three other members of the board, Carole (Martin) Pickup, William "Mo"

## REGIONAL EVENTS



The Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., (shown above) provided the backdrop for an event that attracted a sold-out crowd. Alumni enjoyed a formal tea and a short talk by Alumni Board member Sara "Sue" Hodson '71, curator of literary manuscripts.

In another regional gathering, Colorado alumni and friends met at the Denver Art Museum last fall, where they enjoyed plenty of good food and a private tour of the exhibition "600 Years of British Art." Sidney (Lloyd) Bullene '52 and Kaye (Harrelson) Wergedal '64 coordinated the gathering.

Marumoto (chairman of the reunion committee) and Barbara (Ondrasik) Groce.

The reunion festivities, held in September 1997, received an Award of Distinction from District VII of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). ♦





Skyline from 4th and  
Olive, downtown



RENÉ ISLAS '00 AND VALERIA VITKAUSKAS '02

## THE CITY OF ANGELS:

# From the Outside

EACH TEAM IN THE  
WAS ARMED  
LOS ANGELES AS THEY



GALADRIEL LICEAGA '02 AND EMERSON PADERNOS '00

5th and Broadway, downtown



JOSEPH MORENO '02 AND JENNIFER TARABA '02

Mural on the Victor Clothing Company  
building, downtown



RYAN FONG '02 AND JENNIFER PURDY '01

Retail section, West Pico Boulevard



By Shawn Fitzpatrick '98

Every January, Les Howard '62, professor of sociology, and his Workshop in Urban Studies class go on a field trip to Los Angeles. With nothing more than a sheet of paper listing their team assignments, Howard's students must rely on public transportation to travel from Skid Row to the Westside, and many places in-between.

The students—23 of them this year, split up into groups of two or three—take on the task of getting to Los Angeles, exploring assigned areas of the city and returning home safely.

Instead of accompanying one of the student groups, Howard makes the trip on his own. "I wouldn't ask you guys to do anything I wouldn't do," he told one concerned student.

# Looking In

WORKSHOP IN URBAN STUDIES CLASS  
WITH A DISPOSABLE CAMERA TO DOCUMENT  
SAW FIT — HERE'S WHAT THEY SAW

The necessary city and transit maps, bus schedules and useful telephone numbers are readily available to all the students, either before or during their journeys. The only catch is that they have to get hold of them on their own, just as any other visitor to the Los Angeles area would.

"It's a long day, but most students return before the buses stop running," said Howard. This time, the last group of students didn't make it back until a little after 9 p.m.—a long night, especially when considering that they had papers due in class at 9 a.m. the following day.

"The sleep deprivation was pretty difficult," said Steve Alvarado '02. "But Les was pretty understanding the next day; he knew we were going to be tired."

A sick, twisted and dangerous experiment? No, says Howard, "It's a workshop—a course that gives students a chance to see and work with the various sociological theories they constantly hear in class."

Howard, who has taught the class "in one form or another" for 17 years, says, "The students learn as much as I do. In fact, there are things that only they see as students—things that I am not involved in out there."

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DANA FITCHETT '02 AND SAIL PLASCENCIA '98

Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
(MTA) building, downtown



This January, the team assignments included such themes as “Venues and Vacuums,” focusing on parks and community areas and just how public-friendly those areas really are; “Search for Service,” where students found out how easy or difficult it was to get help from institutions such as City Hall and the Department of Children’s Services; “Getting Dressed: From Threads to Rags,” in which students examined and compared the markets, attitudes and social standards of sweat shops in the garment district and boutiques along Rodeo Drive; and “Staking Claims in Social Space: Dogs Do It, Why Can’t We?” where they looked at why people do and do not claim certain areas as their own, how a claim to an area can be made, and how certain areas are sometimes created for a particular public.

In addition to the one-day field trip, the class uses other urban settings such as Tijuana, Mexico, to study urban spatial and social organization, with special attention given to public transportation as well as the design and use of public space. These studies show the economic, demographic and cultural aspects of urban centers, and locate each area in terms of current global economic, social and cultural transformations.

“I’ve lived in Los Angeles all of my life, but this trip showed me many aspects of the city that I had never known before,” said Sal Plascencia ’99. “The fragmentation of the city is amazing—there are literally cities within cities and overlapping cultures from the art districts to the financial districts. Because of this trip, I am more knowledgeable now about Los Angeles and its cultures than I ever was before.” ♦



Les Howard (top center, wearing a hat) invited his Workshop in Urban Studies class to regular, informal meetings in his home.



Wiltern Theater, corner of Western and Wilshire



Rainy-day mannequins, garment district



RENÉ ISLAS '00 AND VALERIA VITKAUSKAS '02



DUSTIN BOWEN '02, MORGAN GALLI '02 AND MANUEL ROMÁN '00





OTIS CARMICHAEL '00, JHALISTER CORONA '02 AND KATHRYN ROBERTS '00



Mural along the Hollywood (101) Freeway



DANA FITCHETT '02 AND SAL PLASCENCIA '99

Industrial building, garment district



RYAN FONG '02 AND JENNIFER PURDY '01

Retail alley, garment district



PATRICIA BECERRA '01 AND KEVIN DUNFEY '02

Public telephone, Koreatown



DUSTIN BOWEN '02, MORGAN GALLI '02 AND MANUEL ROMÁN '00

Storefront window on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills



OTIS CARMICHAEL '00, JHALISTER CORONA '02 & KATHRYN ROBERTS '00

The Hollywood (101) Freeway



PATRICIA BECERRA '01 AND KEVIN DUNFEY '02

Playground near 9th Street, downtown



# INTO AFRICA

HOW LINDA '65 AND PETER BIEHL '65  
CHOSE TO COPE WITH A PARENT'S WORST NIGHTMARE

BY THEA MAKOW

On a glittering January Saturday in Cape Town, South Africa, Peter Biehl '65 deftly maneuvered his BMW through the uneven streets of an industrial section of the city.

"Saturday is funeral day in Guguletu," he stated flatly.

A steel door rolled up in front of a huge underground garage. He guided the car inside, parked, and punched in a code. A buzzer sounded, and he entered a stunning concrete and brushed-aluminum complex of renovated loft apartments—the home away from home of Peter and his wife, Linda '65.

"We were at a 14-year-old's funeral this morning," Peter continued. "A gang-related killing."

The boy was the second of the Biehls' South African friends to die a violent death that week. Another was stabbed while on holiday at the beach. The Biehls were asked to speak at the boy's funeral that morning. They do a lot of public speaking these days—about death, about violence and about how the survivors might carry on.

The horrifying accounts of the stoning and stabbing death of their 26-year-old daughter Amy were front-page news in 1993. Amy, too, was killed in Guguletu, a township on the edge of Cape Town. The story was particularly disturbing because Amy, a Fulbright scholar from Stanford University, was devoted to improving the lives of black South

Africans—people like the young men who targeted her at random and shouted anti-white slogans before murdering her. Shortly after Amy's death, the Biehls and their three other children flew to Cape

Town for the first time at the invitation of the city's government.

Five years later, Linda and Peter made headlines again as they publicly forgave Amy's killers, who were pardoned by South

Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

But the real story, as the Biehls would have it, is not about death. It's not about grieving. It's not even about having a saint-like capacity for forgive-

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Linda and Peter Biehl visit the Guguletu church where memorial services were held for their daughter Amy in 1993.

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ness. Linda and Peter Biehl wish the media would focus on what rose from the ashes of their grief—The Amy Biehl Foundation, which they created to carry on their daughter's commitment to the people of Guguletu.

The foundation, funded primarily by a \$500,000 U.S. government grant, focuses its grass-roots programs on improving health, education, income, recreation and security in the impoverished area. A drive through the township starkly shows the need for their projects.

Earlier that January day, the Biehls invited a couple of representatives from American colleges on a tour of their projects in Guguletu. The group climbed into the BMW, rolled up the windows, and locked the doors. (Amy was pulled out of her unlocked car by the mob that killed her.)

The tour group cruised through parts of Guguletu that are reminiscent of war-time internment camps, down treeless streets lined with rows of government-issue block houses the size of American suburban garages. Other parts of Guguletu are even worse—acres of the tin and cardboard shacks typical of shantytowns and refugee camps all over the country.

The group also stopped at St. Gabriel's Church, where Amy's memorial service took place, which



*Amy Biehl was a Fulbright scholar working for the community of Guguletu when she was killed by an angry mob there.*

COURTESY OF LINDA AND PETER BIEHL



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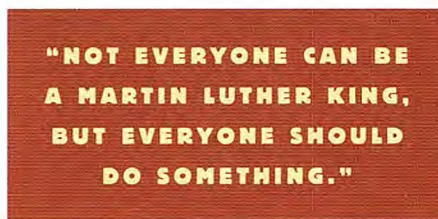
*Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was on hand for the grand opening of The Amy Biehl Foundation's after-school programs at St. Gabriel's Church in Guguletu.*

now houses the foundation's after-school programs. They visited an empty lot where the Biehls plan to put a soccer field, and a bakery that is already providing the community with jobs, whole-wheat bread, and commission money for distributors.

Back in their airy living room, Linda and Peter discussed the mission of The Amy Biehl Foundation as calmly as they might any other business venture. It focuses on adolescents, since they're the most common perpetrators and victims of violence in Guguletu. (Peter noted that it's unusual to find a Guguletu girl who hasn't been raped by the age of 13 or 14.) So, when local youth come up with an idea to improve the community, the Biehls respond. When young black men who had been caddies at predominantly white golf courses said they

wanted a driving range in their neighborhood, the foundation found some land, and plans for the driving range are under way.

Now, because of their experience in community outreach as well as just because they're the parents of Amy Biehl, the couple receives calls and letters from strangers all over the world asking for advice.



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"I get 'Dear Mrs. Biehl, I'm doing a paper on the Nobel Peace Prize...'" Linda said. "Unprovoked contact—great!"

The Biehls, who also have a home near Palm Springs, Calif., spend about 60 percent of their time running the foundation, and they seem to love it. It's as if they had been waiting all their lives to find such a consuming project, although they say they've always been involved in public service.

"Community responsibility is important," said Peter. "Not everyone can be a Martin Luther King, but everyone should do something."

Long before Amy's death, Linda, who was a couture manager at Neiman Marcus, advocated for migrant workers in Arizona, taking them shoes and other basic necessities. Peter, an international

**"THERE ARE NO ANSWERS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO AMY IN SCIENCE. SORRY. YOU NEED A BROADER EDUCATION THAN JUST ONE DISCIPLINE TO FACE THAT."**

business consultant, said his colleagues asked "What the hell are you doing?" when he joined the board of the Tucson Urban League. But Peter "thought it was important stuff."

They also say their experience at Whittier made a difference in shaping their lives. Linda, a history major, said, "We were fortunate to have had liberal arts educations. If I hadn't had a smattering of anthropology or sociology, my life would have been more narrow and less embracing of what's around. I'm not doing all this just because of Amy. It's true to who I am."



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*Peter and Linda Biehl regularly check in on the bakery run by The Amy Biehl Foundation in the Guguletu area.*

Peter, a business administration major at Whittier, agreed. "There are no answers to what happened to Amy in science. Sorry. You need a broader education than just one discipline to face that."

With the habit they both have of finishing each other's sentences, Linda interjected, "You also have to be adaptive."

Peter added with a smile, "For example, we never make hotel reservations when we go to Paris..."

Linda interrupted, "We haven't been to Paris since Amy died, Peter."

"I know—and we're due," Peter finished.

It's hard to believe this poised couple are also the survivors of one of the worst tragedies parents can suffer. How do they maintain their aplomb?

The Biehls' secret is in turning tragedy into something productive. Peter explained it this way when speaking to the mourners at the funeral that morning: "We just celebrated the start of a new year. It is January 9. You have 356 days left to do something positive." He turned to his wife. "Do you think I said it right?"

"Yes," Linda replied. "It was perfect." ♦



## A NOTE TO ALUMNI

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### 1925

**Ethel (Koontz) Eckels** lives in Alhambra, Calif. A trustee emerita of the college, she writes with pride of her family members who also graduated from Whittier, including daughter **Alice (Eckels) Platon '53**, son **Gerald Eckels '57** and granddaughter **Elizabeth Platon '78**.

### 1926

**Frances (Hunnicuttt) Polk** lives in Carmel, Calif. She writes, "My daughter has come from her home in Alaska to make my old age a happy and healthy time."

### 1927

**Mary Helen (Jessup) Bell** lives in the Meadows retirement community in Los Gatos, Calif., which, she writes, is also home to **Bill Balch '32**. Mary Helen visited her son and his family in Virginia last year.

### 1928

**Raymond Chandler** lives on the Biola University campus in La Mirada, Calif., where he enjoys dining with students and attending games and music events.

**Ethel (Nichols) Powers**, writes that she is in good health and lives in Lacey, Wash.

### 1930

At 90, **Howard House** continues working at the House Ear Clinic and Institute in Los Angeles.

### 1932

For news of **Bill Balch**, see **Mary Helen (Jessup) Bell '27**.

**Esther (Ferguson) Adams McElroy** enjoys gardening at her Manhattan Beach, Calif., home.

### 1933

**Theodora "Teddy" (Christiansen) Taylor** writes that she retired from her church choir after 69 years.

**Ralph Corwin** and his wife, Mabel, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last September. They enjoy growing and hybridizing exotic plants and trees.

**Max Goldman** lives in Templeton, Calif., and enjoys visiting his family.

**Gwendolen (Hart) Rudolph** enjoys working in her garden and being around young people.

**Adella (Hayes) Valla** lives in Long Beach, Calif., with her husband, Louis.

**Claire and Marian (Manley) Jobe** are avid bridge players and enjoy traveling to Elderhostel programs. Marian also tutors

English as a second language for the Laubach Literacy Council.

**Ralph Kingsbury** writes that he and his wife, Helen, enjoy traveling and volunteer work. Their grandson **Mike Dobrzycki** graduated from Whittier *magna cum laude* last May, and their granddaughter **Lyn Dobrzycki '96** received her M.Ed. Their grandson Steven Kingsbury is a sophomore at Whittier this year.

**Eldon Paddock** lives in San Diego with his wife, Virginia. He writes, "I am 86 and will not be breaking any speed records in doing what needs to be done."

**Jessie Pohlman** lives in a retirement community in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

**Imogene (Sproule) Jones** enjoys travel, music, bridge and helping neighbors in her Santa Rosa, Calif., retirement community.

**Lila (Wing) Kishbaugh** writes, "At 89, I am in good health, living independently at the California P.E.O. home in Alhambra. I still drive my car locally and live a fairly active life."

### 1934

**Richard Philippi** writes that he's lived in his Downey, Calif., home for 53 years.

### 1935

For news of **Carl Siegmund**, see **Nelda (Connally) Siegmund '52**.

### 1936

**Dorothy (Metcalf) Howard** lives in Whittier near her son, **Les Howard '62**, professor of sociology at Whittier.

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## 1937

**Virginia (Hoskins) DuPrez** volunteers as a tutor and hospital worker.

**Margaret (Lawrence) Holton** traveled to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, last spring.

## 1939

**Josephine (Popple) Mason** traveled to France and Italy last year before moving to a new home in Santa Rosa, Calif.

## 1941

**Beth (Garfoot) Lumpkin** writes that she and her husband, Don, "traveled to the Holy Land last fall—a very rewarding experience."

Although he's officially retired, **Bob Hammond** writes, "I moved to Las Vegas in order to more closely supervise the operation of our business park, and to develop a piece of unimproved commercial land."

For news of **Louie Mann**, see **Jo (Barmore) Mann '43**.

**Mary Lee (Palmer) Holton** lives in Whittier in a home built by her late husband, Rollin, and is a docent with the Whittier Historical Society.

**Ione (Pike) Stull** has Alzheimer's disease and lives in Livermore, Calif., with her daughter.

## 1943

**Jo (Barmore) Mann** writes that her husband, **Louie '41**, suffered a stroke and needs full-time care at home, and they've moved to a condo in San Rafael, Calif., to accommodate him. They would love to hear from old friends.

**Robert Dye** was elected to the YMCA Hall of Fame last fall. He began his work with the YMCA of Los Angeles in 1946 and now serves as a consultant to the

YMCA, based in Honolulu. He worked with local programs in Hawaii and Chicago, directed two national urban programs, and served as coordinator of program services and liaison to the United Nations for the World Alliance of YMCAs in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Connie (Hughes) Fleischauer** is retired in Brea, Calif.

**Bill and Betty (Hester) Thompson** have been married for 56 years. They enjoy gardening together.

**Leland Mahood** lives in Soquel, Calif., where he is active in his church and is a board member for the Red Rock Foundation.

## 1945

**Mary (Atkins) Padia** moved to St. Paul's Towers, an Episcopal lifecare facility in Oakland, Calif., to be near her children.

**Shirley (Roberts) Firestone** writes that life in Williamsburg, Va., "is a joy. Our guest room is ready, so where are you, my W.C. friends and classmates?"

## 1946

**Dorothy (Gilbert) Walker** moved to Tucson, Ariz., after spending 27 years as a missionary in Hawaii.

**Alberta (Smitheram) Bourne** is active in her church and with P.E.O. in Tulsa, Okla.

## 1948

**Bill Bayless** lives at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville, where he tells war stories and writes Haiku poetry for the fun of it.

**Truman Benedict** lives in San Clemente, Calif., where he visits the elementary school named after him. He writes that "happiness is not being mayor."

**Marian (Caldwell) Silliker** is planning a move to Glendora, Calif.

**Marge (Finley) and Alan Magnusson '53** will be dividing their time between a retirement apartment in Lancaster, Calif., and their cabin in Maine.

Two fellow alumni were on hand when the City of Santa Fe Springs presented **Martin Ortiz** with a plaque honoring his selection as a *Hispanic Magazine* achievement



Class of 1948

STEVE BURNS



## LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT

Although Virginia Hill Richardson and Don Miller were both graduates of the Class of '42, they never crossed paths at Whittier College. It took them 50 years to meet when she attended her first college reunion ever and took the last seat available at their Golden Anniversary Brunch—the seat next to his.

As they talked that day in 1992, Virginia and Don found lots in common with one another, and discovered many times where they just missed meeting. Don played on the tennis team with Virginia's husband, but he never met her. Virginia grew up in Arcadia, Calif., where Don began teaching in 1942 and eventually became principal at the school where Virginia's mother was a teacher.

Both were widowed when the Golden Anniversary Brunch brought them together. They found they were neighbors in South Orange County. Don lived in Irvine, and Virginia in San Juan Capistrano. When he invited her to dinner in San Diego, Virginia was surprised, but agreed to go. She was even more surprised when he started driving north that evening.

Don drove from San Juan Capistrano to John Wayne Airport, where he keeps his twin-engine Cessna T-310 II—they flew to the dinner date in San Diego.

"I thought it was kind of strange that he was driving north," Virginia said, "but I didn't say anything. When we got to the airport and he showed me the plane, I thought it would be an interesting evening."

"And that was it," Don added. "If she hadn't wanted to fly, I don't think we'd have had another date, because I probably fly more than I drive." The pair married in 1994, and Virginia took to flying with Don so well she even took a pinch-hitters' class to learn how to land the plane in case of an emergency. Fortunately, she's never had to use that new-found skill.

"I've never felt anything but safe with Don in the pilot's seat," Virginia said. "He knows what he's doing. I thought it would be an interesting ride, and it certainly has been."



Virginia and Don Miller (right) with fellow travelers from the Early Forties group. A pilot since the age of 15, Don has ferried fellow alumni to such places as Sedona, Ariz., and Carmel, Calif. Shown with the Millers in front of Don's Cessna T-310 R II are (from left) Sally (Bullis) Jones '42, Esther (Boyle) '44 and Robert "Tippy" Dye '43, and Guy Frank '43.

award winner. **Gus Velasco '62** is assistant city manager for community services, and **Don Powell '66** is city manager.

**Dorothy (Newberry) Ford** lives in Hesperia, Calif., where she volunteers at a local hospital and her church. She enjoys golfing, cycling and traveling.

**Rowena (Palmer) Kratzer** tutors at her local high school and is active with her church.

**Bob Routh** visited his son in Alaska last summer, where he caught a 38-pound king salmon.

## 1950

**Betty (Blakesley) Naylor** traveled to Virginia and Washington, D.C., last spring.

**Peter and Joan (Hansen) '62 DeVries** are retired and live in Leavenworth, Wash. Peter was president of Mendocino College in California and Big Bend Community College in Washington before starting a second career in architectural design. Joan established a comprehensive library for their church and a local Christian school.

## 1951

**Jim and Ann (Reese) '53 Stecklein** traveled to Australia and New Zealand last year. At home in Whittier, Jim is active in the Whittier Y's Men's club and Ann is a docent at the Historical Museum.

**Joan (Wright) Oyler** retired last year after working with Head Start for almost 30 years as a teacher

and site supervisor. She enjoys gardening, reading and traveling.

## 1952

For news of **Dee (Bonser) Tenney**, see **Don Jenkins '53**.

**Nelda (Connally) Siegmund** volunteers one day a week at Saddleback Hospital near her home in Laguna Hills, Calif. She and her husband, **Carl '35**, have been married for more than 62 years.

For news of **David Deshler**, see **Beverly (Edwards) Deshler '53**.

**Bill Eberhart** and his wife, Claire, attended a family reunion near Punxsutawney, Penn., where, he writes, they saw lots of relatives, groundhogs and Amish farmers. They also visited Niagara Falls.



# 1953

**Charles Adams** published *Those Dirty Rotten Taxes: The Tax Revolts that Built America*, which he says "was intended to be fun to read, but turned out ruffling the feathers of those who believe in big taxes and big, overblown government." His previous book, *For Good and Evil*, is in its ninth printing, and has been translated into Japanese and German.

**John Albrecht** lives in Long Beach, Calif., where he and his wife enjoy ballroom dancing on the Queen Mary.

**Janet Banks** lives in Lake Oswego, Ore., where she is active with her neighborhood association and adult center.

For news of **Rod Burroughs**, **Carol (Coughlin) Smith**, **Jim Cowan** and **Ray Dezimmer**, see **Jan (Dunham) Turner '55**.

**Sunya Felburg** and her husband celebrated their 52nd anniversary and took a cruise on the Panama Canal last fall.

**Beverly (Edwards) Deshler** and her husband, **David '52**, live in Lansing, N.Y., and are considering moving back to California after they retire in the next couple of years. David is a professor of adult and continuing education at Cornell University. Beverly is a real estate broker.

**Dick and Joan (Floyd) '54 Bellis** took a river cruise between Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Ben and Georgia (Brown) '55 Granger** work with the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, traveling through Central and Eastern Europe. Ben is department chair and professor of social work at Colorado State University, and Georgia is director of Human-Animal Bond in Colorado.

**Don and Barbara (Van Arsdall) Jenkins** spent two weeks cycling through Denmark on an Elderhostel trip last spring, along with **Dee**



**(Bonser) Tenney '52** and her husband.

**Gildardo Jimenez** writes that he and his wife, Yolanda, are enjoying their new home in Chula Vista, Calif., where they "have the best of the U.S.A. and Mexico, and the cultural contacts are great."

His wife, Gerri, writes that although **John Kimmick** is bedridden due to the effects of Parkinson's disease, strokes and other illnesses, "He is mentally alert and maintains his great sense of humor. He cannot attend reunions, but he hopes old friends will stop by and say 'hello' occasionally."

For news of **Alan Magnusson**, see **Marge (Finley) Magnusson '48**.

**Bob O'Brien** sings with his church choir and a male quartet when he is not building radio-controlled Navy ship models. He is newsletter editor and secretary-treasurer of his Navy association.

**Shirley (O'Connor) Byrne** teaches 24 private piano students and also performs in venues near her Corvallis, Ore., home. She and her husband enjoy traveling, movies, theater, concerts, art galleries, museums and visiting

family and friends, in addition to many outdoor activities.

For news of **Ann (Reese) Stecklein**, see **Jim Stecklein '51**.

For news of **Bill Sandison**, see **Valeri (Vogler) Sandison '56**.

**Cherie (Willard) Love** is president of Division 28 of the California Retired Teachers Association scholarship foundation.

# 1954

For news of **Alice (Carpenter) Coltharp**, see **Jan (Dunham) Turner '55**.

**Margo Coons** writes that she is retired after a career as an educational consultant, and that she spends her time traveling to world track and field events, volunteering and enjoying musical theater.

**Lilian (Gonshaw) Katz** is in her 30th year as a professor of early childhood education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She's lectured in all 50 states and in 41 foreign countries.

For news of **Jerry Hartman**, see **Jan (Dunham) Turner '55**.

For news of **Joan (Floyd) Bellis**, see **Dick Bellis '53**.

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**Ted and Marilyn (Guffin) Rasmussen '55** live in Whittier, where Marilyn works at the Intercommunity Blind Center and Ted spends his days at Rasmussen Ironworks. Recent travels have taken them fly-fishing in Montana and cruising to Alaska.

**Lorraine (Reed) Schaeffer** is active in choral music groups in the Sacramento area. She has been teaching for 28 years.

For news of **Ray Wilcox**, see **Sally (Boyer) Wilcox '55**.

## 1955

**Katherine (Bonillas) Marsh** writes that she is happily retired on the 12th fairway of a golf course near Las Vegas.

**Ken and Mary (De Lapp) Bowlin** live in La Habra, Calif. Ken relocated his insurance business to Brea, and Mary is administrative assistant to the senior pastor at their church.

**Sally (Boyer) and Ray Wilcox '54** write that they're having a great time with their six grandchildren—five girls, plus a boy born on Ray's 65th birthday.

For news of **Georgia (Brown) Granger**, see **Ben Granger '53**.

**Pat Cheatley** plays golf almost daily since retiring from 3M Company.

**Orv Cope** retired after 36 years of college and university teaching. He spends his time writing in the fields of international relations and foreign policy, and fly-fishing in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

**Jan (Dunham) Turner** writes that she and several Poet pals took a cruise on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers to "see the fall colors and share a lot of laughs."

Cruise-mates included **Janie (Brown) and Rod Burroughs '53**, **Ann (Howard) and Jim Cowan '53**, **Alice (Carpenter) '54** and **Allen Coltharp**, **Joan (Erica) '56** and **Ray Dezember**

**'53** and **Carol (Coughlin) Smith '53**. Following the cruise, **Judy (Kruger) and Jerry Hartman '54** joined the group in Quebec.

**Charles Earl** writes that he's looking forward to travel and genealogical research since his retirement.

**Manuel Gallegos** is a personnel commissioner for the Los Angeles County Office of Education. He and his wife have started a community bank in Lakewood, and they enjoy traveling in their spare time.

**Bill Greene** is a vice president with Comcierge, a computer-content company, and writes that he has no plans on retiring.

For news of **Marilyn (Guffin) Rasmussen**, see **Ted Rasmussen '54**.

**Tom Lewis** writes, "I've just been accepted into the doctorate program of the college of education at Arizona State University. Okay, so I'm a slow learner—I admit it. When I earn my Ed.D., it is my dream to teach at least one philosophy of education course at Whittier College."

**Robert Odle** runs a music and instrument repair business in Rio Rancho, N.M., where he also performs with local dance bands and plays for the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera.

**Virginia (Miller) Bell** enjoys traveling, volunteer work, hobbies and her family.

**Dan and Mary Ellen (Todd) Spencer '58** live in Whittier. Since serving as a pilot for the U.S. Navy and working as a corporate pilot, Dan has been in corporate sales for 20 years. He plays tennis and golf.

## 1956

**Sarah (Armagost) Thostesen** enjoys traveling, working with her church and babysitting her grandchildren.

**Ann Bamberger** is on the board of the American Overseas Schools

Historical Society and has been traveling to find a site for a museum and archives. When not traveling, she enjoys playing tennis.

**Wes and Nancy (Ince) Bosson** are retired after more than 35 years in education. They travel, golf and visit their grandchildren.

**Bill Brink** is a volunteer with the Sharlott Hall Museum and Highland Center for National History in Prescott, Ariz.

**Ed Brown** retired in June after more than 35 years of teaching foreign languages at the University of Arizona. He serves on the national screening committee for Fulbright Scholarships to France and Belgium and writes that he is looking forward to traveling and enjoying retirement.

**Robert Broyles** is a volunteer with the Arcadia, Calif., police department. He enjoys restoring Volkswagens, gunsmithing, photography, Christmas-tree farming, church work and travel.

**Sharon Callahan** retired after teaching elementary school for 30 years.

**Jim Carlisle** has started a worldwide marketing company with his wife, Vicki. They bought a 1927 Spanish-style home in San Gabriel, Calif., and are restoring it, in addition to restoring a 1951 Kettenburg K39 sailing sloop and a 1928 Model A Phaeton Ford.

**Don Chorley** has been a minister at First Congregational Church of Martinez, Calif., for more than 12 years. He writes, "After a siege of cancer in '94, I continue to enjoy my favorite escapes of mountain climbing, backpacking and marathon running."

**Barbara (Conway) Lappin** is a teacher with the East Whittier School District.

*Jessamyn West A Descriptive and Annotated Bibliography* (Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Md.), was published in August by **Ann (Dahlstrom) Farmer**, associate professor of English at

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Whittier, and **Phil O'Brien, '61**, college librarian.

For news of **Joan (Erica) Dezenber**, see **Jan (Dunham) Turner '55**.

Following open-heart surgery last spring, **Ron Franklin** retired from his career in education. He served most recently as executive director of the Administration Association of the San Diego Unified School District.

**Patricia (Given) Merchant** lives in La Habra, Calif., and is a volunteer receptionist.

**Mick Grensted** is retired and lives in Yreka, Calif., where he spends lots of time at Mick's Clubhouse, a sports memorabilia shop. He invites classmates to stop by when they are in the area.

**Ron Hoar** teaches community concert band at Pasadena (Calif.) City College.

Retired since 1992, **Carol Hollingsworth** grows Zinfandel wine grapes and tends to her farm in Grass Valley, Calif. She serves on the boards of the Nevada County Farm Bureau, Resource Conservation District and the Economic Resource Council.

**Marvin Hoover** is a teacher and coach at Troy High School in Fullerton, Calif. He enjoys playing tennis and traveling.

**June (Lusby) Reese** works part-time as an escrow officer and adult teacher. She is state director of the California Escrow Association.

**Kathy (Mitchell) Miller** plays with the Prime Time Band, a concert band for people aged 50 and up in Santa Barbara, Calif. She enjoys traveling and visited **Nancy (Wedberg) Zittrain** and her husband in the North Carolina Outer Banks last year.

**Ray Mooshagian** writes that he is enjoying retirement from teaching and coaching, but still spends lots of time going to football, basketball and softball games at Fresno State University.

**Marlene (Odom) Tracy** is a realtor and lives in Fullerton, Calif.

**Priscilla Osborn** moved to Merrill Gardens in Whittier. She swims at the YMCA three days a week.

**Gerry (Palmer) Wolfe** writes that she is "doing great" after two hip replacements in five years. She works with Scholastic Book Fairs.

**Hildy (Pehrson) Soule** has traveled to Nepal and Mexico since retiring in 1995. She is also active in the American Association of University Women.

**Peggy (Pezoldt) Bowman** enjoys playing bridge and golf. She and her husband, Glen, live in Palm Desert, Calif.

**Lucinda (Powell) Morgan** lives in Broomfield, Colo., where she and her husband, Wright, enjoy many activities.

**Wayne and Sue (Rayburn) Reinecke** are active in music. He is conductor of the Rio Hondo Symphony in Whittier and the Pasadena Community Orchestra. Sue is principal viola for both groups and a member of the Santiago String Quartet.

**Betty (Russell) Corison** lives on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, Calif. She is president of the Sierra Artists Network and is involved in establishing an art center there.

**Galen Russell** is active with the Music Theatre of Southern California in San Gabriel.

**Dee (Sanders) Bagne** retired from her family business last year. She enjoys golf, traveling and visiting with her grandchildren.

**Shirley (Smallwood) Arms** writes "Although I barely know a rose from a daisy, I'm serving as president of the Rancho Santa Fe [Calif.] Garden Club."

**Margie (Smith) Wuopio** sings with the Winifred Baker Chorale in San Rafael, Calif. They've presented concerts in England, Scotland and Ireland. She writes that "singing in Canterbury Cathedral was an outstanding experience."

**Nicholas Street** is enjoying retired life in Hawaii. He plays golf and tennis, swims, paddles outrigger racing canoes and leads hikes to a volcano for a wildlife refuge. He also snow-skis and travels.

**Bill Story** writes, "Started Story Plastics in 1969. Sold company to employees in 1993. Retired to Oregon in 1994. Bought land, built house, drove tractor, played. Returned to 'save' company in October 1997. Currently un-retired and not happy about it."

**Helen (Tester) Harris** lives in Brawley, Calif. and works part-time in a computer store.

**Harriet (Utley) Schultz** retired from training teachers at California State University at Fullerton and volunteers at the Fullerton Plant Arboretum as a cactus specialist. She also works with Choices, a teen awareness program. Her husband, **John**, teaches political science and other classes at Fullerton College.

**Valeri (Vogler) Sandison** and her husband, **Bill '53**, divide their time among living in Hacienda Heights and Palm Springs, Calif., and traveling across the country in their motor home. They also traveled to England, Scotland, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Uganda last summer.

## 1957

Elementary-school teacher **Phyllis (Luther) Fick** was honored by the Historical Society of Southern California for making history lessons come alive. Fick, who teaches at Ocean View School in Whittier, received the Joseph O'Flaherty Teaching Award, which includes a \$500 prize and a one-year membership in the Historical Society. In addition to coordinating the fifth-grade Colonial Day, an archeological dig and slavery studies, Fick runs an after-school choir, produces student musicals and is a mentor to new and student teachers.

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# IN MEMORIAM

1922

**Millicent (Abbott) St. Helen** died Sept. 3, 1991.

1925

**Matthew Weightman** died May 3, 1996.

1926

**Dorothy (Verplank) Levy.** Notified in October of 1998. She was a member of the Metaphonian Society.

1928

**Edith (Johnson) Morris** died in December of 1996.

1929

**Marjorie (Bure) Reece** died July 17, 1998. Active in theater, she was a member of the Metaphonian Society. Survivors include her daughter, Joan (Reece) Seymour '54.

**Lucy (Estes) Mayhew** died Dec. 30, 1997.

**Winifred (Fogleman) Laurance** died April 4, 1998. She was a music major and a member of the Metaphonian Society. Among her survivors is her daughter, Rosemary (Laurance) DeBenedetti '55.

1930

**Charles Kranz** died Nov. 4, 1998. He was a member of the baseball and track and field teams. He was superintendent of the Mountain View School District in El Monte, Calif., for 31 years, and Kranz Junior High School was named in his honor. Survivors include his wife of nearly 70 years, Esther (Hamburg) Kranz '27; sister, Frances (Kranz) Marron '32; daughter Corliss (Kranz) Roenicke '51; and son-in-law, Floyd E. Roenicke '50.

**Amelia (Martin) Greenlee** died Sept. 27, 1998. Survivors include her brother, Philip Martin '33.

**Evelyn (Shipley) Brown** died in April of 1994. She was a Broadoaks Pasadena alumna.

**Miriam (Smith) Deome.** Notified in November of 1998. Survivors include her sister Ruth (Smith) Nicholson '39.

1931

**Helen (Moore) Jones.** Notified in November of 1998.

**Florence (Thill) Winget** died in May of 1997.

1934

**Carol (Combs) Coffin.** Notified in December of 1998.

1935

**Ethel (Alexander) Husong** died July 4, 1998.

**Helen (Kinnear) Pash** died in August of 1998.

1936

**Janet (Bentley) Victor.** Notified in October of 1998.

1938

**Richard De Moulpied.** Notified in October of 1998. Survivors include his wife, Alice (Pemberton) De Moulpied '40.

**William Woodnutt** died Nov. 9, 1998. He was a chemistry major, football player and a member of the Lancer Society.

1941

**Jane Hockett** died Oct. 30, 1998. She was a member of Cap and Gown and the Metaphonian Society. Survivors include her siblings Hortense Hockett '38 and William Hockett '39, sister-in-law Julia (York) Hockett '38, and niece Diane (York) Lawrence '81.

**Violet (Lucy) Alexander** died Jan. 27, 1998. A former dean of women at Whittier, she was on the Acropolis staff and was a member of the Palmer Society as a student. Survivors include her son John Alexander '71, brother Howard Lucy, Jr. '53, and her sister-in-law, Eleanor (Votaw) Lucy '53.

**Betty Shuey** died Dec. 12, 1994. She was a Broadoaks Pasadena alumna.

**Mary (Thompson) Sydnor Vonhof** died Nov. 24, 1998. Survivors include her daughter Mary (Sydnor) Stanton '67, and sons Robert Sydnor '69 and William Sydnor '71.

1943

**Virgie (Richards) Conant** died Dec. 31, 1997. She is survived by her husband, James Conant '42.

**Virginia (Wilber) Talmage** died Oct. 4, 1997.

1944

**Ruth (Asbury) McKinney** died Aug. 10, 1998.

1946

**James Bandy** died Nov. 5, 1997.

**Arthur Eddy** died Sept. 3, 1998.

1948

**Robert Finley.** Notified in October of 1998.

**Ethel (Harris) Haller** died July 12, 1998.

1950

**William L. Payne** died Dec. 20, 1998. He was a member of the Orthogonian Society and a varsity football player who was inducted into the Purple & Gold Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, Helen (Walters) Payne '51.

1953

**Geraldine (Harms) Walvoord** died in October of 1998.

**Ruby (Thompson) Ligon.** Notified in August of 1998.

1954

**Edward V. Carter** died Nov. 4, 1998. Among his survivors is his wife, Nina Lynn (Livenspire) Carter '58.

1956

**E. Dana (Edwards) Braden.** Notified in November of 1998.

**Barbara (George) Spaulding,** M.A. '56, died Aug. 7, 1998.

**Jun Nishinho** died Oct. 20, 1997. He was a dentist and a member of the Lancer Society.

1959

**Nancy (Stombaugh) Clevenger** died Oct. 26, 1997. She was an Athenian and Homecoming Queen.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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1961

**Joan (Senechal) Commons** died in February of 1998. Among her survivors is her husband, Kent Commons '61.

1977

**Kitty Young** died Oct. 12, 1998, following complications from a liver transplant.

1984

**Annette Vargas-Valdez** died Sept. 4, 1998, following pregnancy complications.

1987

**Jamie (Silva) Wong** died Nov. 14, 1998, of Hodgkins lymphoma. She was a Whittier Scholar and active in choir, theater and student government.

1996

**Lourdes Davis, M.Ed.** Notified in September of 1998.



1958

**Elizabeth (Buse) Lucas** was inducted into the Long Beach City College Hall of Fame for her community involvement and in recognition of her international greeting card company, Elizabeth Lucas Designs.

**Diane (Gruenemay) Gerson** writes that she and her husband are enjoying the good life in Oregon. She is active as an adult tutor, a Friend of the Library, and a member of the county commission on children and families.

**Patricia (Hare) Streeter** retired from classroom teaching last year and is a grant developer and co-

ordinator for Montague Charter Academy in Pacoima, Calif.

**Leitha (Griffin) Marsolais** and her husband traveled to Italy and Crete last year, and saw living history everywhere. They were particularly impressed with Mt. Vesuvius, Mt. Etna and the Colosseum.

**Bob Morgan** is involved with several international companies. He's CEO of China Connection LLC, which secures sales for U.S. manufacturers in mainland China and Shanghai; CEO of Morgan and Associates, a management consulting company; and CFO of RMJV, Inc., a Russian/American company.

For news of **Mary Ellen (Todd) Spencer**, see **Dan Spencer '55**.

1959

**Jim Bunyard** was inducted into the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame last May after 27 years as assistant football coach and defensive coordinator. He retired from teaching in 1992, but still coaches there. He lives in Torrance, Calif., with his wife, Gloria.

**Paulie (Rayburn) LeCoque** lives in Brookings, Ore., with her husband, Archie.

1960

**J. Edward Gaylord** moved home and hearth and his business, Gaylord Executive Search, from Moraga, Calif., to Sonoma County last year.

For news of **Ed Yocum**, see **Martha (White) Yocum '61**.

1961

**Sharon (Collicott) Ferges** moved to Carlsbad, Calif.

**Kent Commons** lives in Columbus, Ohio.

**Jerry Ellis** retired from the U.S. Army Reserve and as chief

chemist with the Bluegrass Army Depot in June.

**Judy (Gates) Rieboldt** lives in Long Beach, Calif., where she is active in church work.

**Connie (Gish)** and **Tom Upton** retired from their auto repair shop in Whittier and moved to Cascade, Idaho. Tom is under-sheriff and Connie is chief administrator of Valley County.

**Kate (Guest) Frey-Richiger** retired last year and spends her time traveling, trout fishing, golfing, reading and trying to master the intricacies of mah-jongg.

**Hilda (Haskell) Howard** has been writing children's stories and is a member of the Whittier Writers Club.

**Keith Huggins** works part-time with Rio Salado College in Phoenix, teaching GED classes to female prison inmates. His supervisor is **Eileen (Wilson) Hayes '66**.

**Joan (Kelly) Kranz** divides her time between homes in Covina and Dana Point, Calif.

**Dale Martin** lives in Hailey, Id., with his wife, Marti. Semi-retired, he coaches girls' softball at the local high school and works part-time for the county recreation department.

**Phyllis (McGeachy) McCulloch** is medical librarian and information specialist at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore.

For news of **Phil O'Brien**, see **Ann (Dahlstrom) Farmer '56**.

**Richard Partee** owns California South Insurance Associates in La Habra, Calif. He writes that he and his wife "have made a commitment to golf and have a place in Palm Desert where we hope to learn all about it."

When not traveling across the U.S., **Joyce (Poggi) Kracker** lives about 50 miles from Crater Lake, Ore.

**Judy (Stratton) Cooper** retired in June after 37 years as a teacher and administrator.



**Fran (Tompkins) Clogston** teaches in the Realistic Transition Program of her high school district in Seattle, Wash. It is a vocational education program for 17- to 21-year-old special education students.

**Ed '60 and Martha (White) Yocum** live in Colorado, but have traveled to California while Ed served as interim pastor for several Friends churches during the past three years. Martha writes that "Sam Yocum, Inc. is still our family business."

## 1962

**Susan Alexander** left her job at the Los Angeles Job Corps Center after 30 years and moved to Birmingham, Ala. She is a consultant with Res Care, Inc., working in the Job Corps division.

For news of **Joan (Hansen) DeVries**, see **Peter DeVries '50**.

**E. Earl "Sonny" Hays** received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America and the National Eagle Scout Association. The award is given to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work and have shared their talents as community volunteers. Hays is Scout Executive for the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Phoenix.

For news of **Les Howard**, see **Dorothy (Metcalf) Howard '36**.

For news of **Gus Velasco**, see **Martin Ortiz '48**.

## 1963

**Gayle (Anderson) Wunder** is a retired elementary-school teacher. She enjoys traveling, all kinds of performing arts, sports and outdoor activities.

**Mary "Mandy" (Amundsen) Hammond** operates Mary Hammond Investments, dealing with estate planning and investments.

**Penelope (Arnold) Johnson** is a CPA, and writes that she still enjoys the theater and traveling whenever possible.

**Aileen (Asayama) Suzuki** is a certified financial planner living in Costa Mesa, Calif.

**Becky Baker** is an elementary school teacher with the Montebello (Calif.) Unified School District.

**Hermine (Budo) Buechler** is a teacher with the Westminster (Calif.) School District and likes to travel in her time off.

**Virginia Cerello** is an attorney in Washington, D.C.

**Dave Culp** writes "I am enjoying early retirement. It's nice to wake up in the morning and decide what you want to do."

**Nancy Edwards** is a professor of English at Bakersfield College. She enjoys writing and has completed lyrics, working with composer Howard Quilling.

**Tyna (English) and Ray Triggs '64** live in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Catherine "Kitty" (Gasper) Jessup** is a career counselor with Princeton Masters International. She lives in Portland, Ore., after more than 25 years in Boston and New York.

**Alex Gasporra** is a principal with the Whittier City School District.

**Carol (Heinz) Shupek** is a guidance counselor at Paramount (Calif.) High School. She enjoys the theater, museums of all kinds and reading.

**Donna (Laws) Barry** enjoys duck hunting, bass fishing and playing golf.

**Jane Mueller-Woelders** breeds horses. She lives in Decatur, Ill., home of the Mueller Museum, which traces the history of the Mueller Company and family and how they relate to the history of the area.

**Jack Namihas** lives in the Sierra foothills in Columbia, Calif., where he is a docent at Columbia State Historic Park.

**Judith (Neely) Chamberlain** is the bookkeeper for her husband's company. She writes that she enjoys golfing and learning to use her computer.

**Alice (Okamoto) Moriya** is a food technologist with Baskin Robbins Flavors.

**Linda (Rawlinson) Kestner** is retired and lives in Issaquah, Wash.

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**Rosemary (Reynolds) Hackett** is a software and systems consultant. She enjoys traveling, playing tennis and the piano, although not at the same time. She is also a reader for the sight-impaired with her local PBS station.

**Stan Sanders** is an attorney and serves on the Whittier College Board of Trustees. He is writing a novel about growing up in post-World War II Los Angeles.

**Brian Sutherland** lives in Reno, Nev. He is retired from IBM Corp.

**Guy Talbott** works in computer software for Experian. In his spare time he enjoys water- and snow-skiing, travel, camping and stamp collecting.

**David Toburen** writes that he finally got to use his degree in sociology/psychology working with severely emotionally disturbed children and now works with teachers and technology in the classroom.

**Sandy (Trombatore) Krogh** is self-employed, working in product promotions and publicity. She writes that she enjoys travel, theater, great food and wine, hiking and "having fun and adventures."

**Ingrid (Uhl) LeBlanc** is a tour director living in Redwood City, Calif.

**Karen (Warren) Long** is a piano teacher. She lives in Lebanon, Ore.

## 1964

For news of **Ray Triggs**, see **Tyna (English) Triggs '63**.

## 1966

**Gerald Benton** is Superintendent of the Tulare (Calif.) High School District.

**Diana (Buskirk) Jacobs** writes that she loves to cook, garden and travel just about anywhere. These skills must come in handy in her job as director of human resources for Williams-Sonoma, Inc. in San

Francisco, where she oversees all generalist human resources responsibilities nationwide.

**Pat (Pettigrew) Harvey** retired from teaching. She writes that her son **Scott Floden '72** is vice president of operations for Mature Well, and his wife, **Holly (Reasin) Floden '72**, is executive administrator for the Marana School District in Tucson, Ariz. Pat is married to **Richard Harvey**, distinguished service professor of political science at Whittier.

For news of **Don Powell**, see **Martin Ortiz '48**.

For news of **Eileen (Wilson) Hayes**, see **Keith Huggins '61**.

## 1967

**Richard Adams** is celebrating more than 22 years as owner-operator of R.L. Adams Enterprises, a human resources consulting firm.

**Judi (Bauck) Samuel** is regional director of the Pacific Southwest Region of the American Friends Service Committee.

**Robert Davis** moved from Indonesia to Honolulu to become deputy manager for the South Pacific region of the Bank of Hawaii.

In addition to being a race-car driver, **Ed De Staute** is owner-operator of Straightline Marketing Consultants, which serves the auto-racing industry.

**Val (Dillard) Chin** lives in Park City, Utah, which will be the site for several venues for the 2002 Winter Olympics. She opened a bookstore in Midway last year, in a house that is listed on the National Historic Register.

**Don Jackson** writes that he keeps busy with "the usual soccer mom and dad activities."

**Lee Jeberjahn** has worked with American Airlines for 22 years. He is a captain flying Boeing 767 planes out of Los Angeles and lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife and two daughters.

**Lewis and Marilyn (Graham) Jones** live in La Habra, Calif.

**Sandra (King) Loman** teaches history at Madison Area Terminal College in Wisconsin. She spent a month visiting Ivory Coast in Africa last summer.

**Kay (Knuppel) Johnson** and her husband own a construction company in Las Vegas. They build apartments.

**Leslie (Stowell) Moyer** lives in College Station, Texas, but manages to keep in touch with her former roommates **Jacque (Dietrick) Thorton** and **Janna (Wilemon) Bales**.

**Marilyn (Temple) Hunt** relocated to Las Vegas to start an office for her company, Great American Insurance.

## 1968

**Jan Zobel** has had a tax practice in San Francisco for more than 20 years. She is an enrolled agent and the author of *Minding Her Own Business: the Self-Employed Woman's Guide to Taxes and Recordkeeping* (EastHill Press). A small-business expert, she has contributed tax articles to many national publications and has been in *Money* and *Entrepreneur* magazines.

## 1969

**Greg Bloch** writes that he and his wife, Anne, have built their dream home, but continue to improve on it. They own an art publishing company, Triad Art Group, which sells and distributes art worldwide.

United Way of San Diego County presented **Doug Clark** with the John V. Naish Award for distinguished service by a volunteer. In his eight years as a volunteer, Doug has served as a member of the board of directors, the executive committee, chairman of the finance, strategic planning and



human resources committees, chairman of the North County district board, chairman of the North County campaign, division chairman of the North County Project Breakthrough, and as a member of the inclusiveness task force.

**Janet Davis** is a speech and language pathologist for San Diego City Schools, and writes that she enjoys her life and job.

**Skip and Linda Jo (Rollins) Durham** live in Portland, Ore. Linda Jo got her master's in adult education in 1997 and is on the faculty at Clackamas Community College. Skip is an appellate court judge.

**Linda Edwards** is vice president of sales for a mortgage banker in Cerritos, Calif. She writes that a great way to relieve the stress of the mortgage industry is to study and perform improvisational comedy, which she does in her spare time.

**Hugh Fenderson** is a principal in the special education division of the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

**Thomas Foster** is a partner with the law firm of Marrone, Robinson, Frederic & Foster in Burbank, Calif. He recently earned a brown belt in Okinawa Te Karate.

**Peggy (Hackett) Heinrichs** moved to Germany when her husband, Chris, assumed command of the 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Ramstein Air Force Base last summer. She writes that the bombings of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were the first emergency evacuations of injured people after they arrived, and were quite challenging for a new commander.

**Karen Hosack-Curlin** writes that she spends half her time in North Carolina and the other half in Florida. She moved from Tampa to Sarasota last fall.

**Joy (Jacobson) Stack** is a cardiovascular/diabetes specialist with Bristol-Myers. In addition to taking up golf recently, she enjoys traveling and visited Ireland, Mexico and the Caribbean last year.

**Ingrid Lion** lives in Mountain View, Calif., where she has been teaching for several years.

**Jon Meek** was the Navy's representative from Oklahoma to the annual convention of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States in Boston last summer. He writes that he maintains contact with the Danish family who hosted him when he was in the Copenhagen program as a Whittier student.

**Gary and Karla (Voorhees) '70 Peebles** live in Long Beach, Calif., and have been married for 28 years. He's a biology and life science teacher in the Fullerton Union High School District.

**Penny Phillips** is spiritual care counselor and bereavement case director for a hospice in San Jose, Calif. She also does some speech and language therapy at nearby Los Gatos Community Hospital.

**Nat Pitts** works as a senior executive for the National Science Foundation doing science and technology policy work for the Clinton administration. He and his wife and daughter visited Italy last summer.

## MARRIAGES

**James Rikel '69** and Kate Kubach, on Aug. 23, 1997.

**Bonita Miller '74** and Chris Jensen, on June 9, 1998.

**Joe MacDonald '85** and Kathy Clark, on July 25, 1998.

**Joyce Davidson '88** and Edward Seitz, on June 27, 1998.

**Marnie Day '88** and Paul Voorhees, on April 4, 1998.

**Linda Jo Bone '90** and Bennie Jeng, in May of 1998.

**Lorri Porr '90** and Ariel Sabban, on Oct. 2, 1998.

**Gregory Felzien '91** and Mary Kathryn McMillin, on Aug. 13, 1997.

**Rebecca Totaro '91** and Rob Olive, on Nov. 2, 1998.

**Kimberly Powell '92** and Paul Albarian, on Sept. 6, 1998.

**Jennie Bacon '93** and Craig Page, on Aug. 29, 1998.

**John Lovato '94** and **Marissa Gallegos '95**, on Nov. 21, 1998.

**Geoff Price '94** and Courtney Baker, on Oct. 10, 1998.

**Amy Raat '95** and **Matt Josten '95**, on May 9, 1998.

**Eric Somilleda '95** and Rosmarie Bustamante, on Aug. 1, 1998.

**Andrea Wright '95** and J. Christopher Coli, on Oct. 17, 1998.

**Tina Ibanez '96** and **Brian Yates '97**, on May 23, 1998.

**Cheryl Swetland '96**, and Michael Florez, on May 25, 1997.

**Joy Lennox '97** and Patrick Eleazar, on Sept. 19, 1998.

**Jody Himrod '98** and **James Collins '95**, on Oct. 4, 1998.

**Valery Martinez '98** and Hanley Lopez, on June 20, 1998.

**Stephanie Rowley '98** and Keith Hartley, on June 6, 1998.





**James Rikel** has been teaching life sciences at Pierce College for 22 years. He and his wife, who teaches biology, are involved in a new course called "DNA Forensics," taught to criminal and family lawyers. They enjoy traveling and have spent time kayaking in Baja California and "adventuring" in Alaska.

**Mary (Scanland) Adams** is public relations director of Criminon Florida, what she describes as a "rehabilitation program for inmates that teaches common sense, moral values, learning improvement and more."

**Linda (Smallen) Ruffner** is a revenue agent with the IRS in El Monte, Calif.

**Pete Stong** is administrator of Tarzana (Calif.) Rehabilitation Center, a 178-bed facility. He and his wife, **Carol (White) '70**, have two children and keep busy following their son's sports activities in addition to working with the PTA and their church. Pete is also involved with their neighborhood council and the chamber of commerce.

**Robert Sydnor** is a senior engineering geologist with the California Division of Mines and Geology in Sacramento. He reviews building permits for hospitals and public schools in regard to seismology design, active faults and landslides. He's served more than 21 years with the examination committee of the California State Board of Registration for Geologists. He enjoys hiking and has climbed Mt. Ritter and Mt. Hood with his classmate **Dave Bebell**.

**Christina (Williams) Schopfer** is manager of Blue Heron Bookshop at the Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota. She and her husband, Terry, also own Tena Companies, which serves the mortgage and banking industry.

**Kathy (Wulf) Holderith** is in her 30th year of teaching, which has taken her from the beaches

of California to Department of Defense schools in Germany to Littleton, Colo. She writes that she still loves teaching children and owns more than 6,000 children's books.

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## 1970

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**Carolfrances Likins** is an elementary school teacher and a political and humanitarian activist, working against the U.S. blockade of Cuba.

**John and Sharon (Uyeda) Eno '77** and their three children were named Maui County Family of the Year for 1998. In addition to working with their church, the American Lung Association, 4-H Club, Cub and Boy Scouts, Key Club, swim club, Little League, Pop Warner football, youth soccer and high school athletics, they also assist Whittier's Office of Admission by working at college fairs in Hawaii.

**Leslie (Troy) McClure** runs her own publicity and marketing firm in Monterey, Calif.

For news of **Karla (Voorhees) Peebles**, see **Gary Peebles '69**.

For news of **Carol (White) Stong**, see **Pete Stong '69**.

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## 1971

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**Lee (Dye) Takagi** writes that she was one of the first of her "cohort group" in Hawaii to complete a master's in secondary education with a middle-level emphasis. She celebrated by buying a 1998 Volkswagen Beetle.

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## 1972

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For news of **Scott and Holly (Reasin) Floden**, see **Pat (Pettigrew) Harvey '66**.

**Louis Moret** received his doctorate in public administration from the University of La Verne. He is chief operating officer of the Southern California Association of

Governments and also serves as a commissioner for the Los Angeles fire and police pension system.

**Marty Simonoff** is mayor of Brea, Calif., this year. His duties include leading council meetings and officiating at civic events.

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## 1973

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**Richard Buck** lives in Plano, Tex., but is planning a move to Cape Cod, Mass., this spring. He writes, "The class reunion was fantastic, and I am sorry more people didn't come. I know everyone would have enjoyed it."

**Diana (Sell) Watkins** and her family have relocated from Arkansas to Southern California, where she is director of institutional research and assessment and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at The Master's College in Santa Clarita.

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## 1974

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**James Harsch** is vice president for finance with Cambric Corp., He lives in Park City, Utah.

**Ed Schoenberg** is vice president for enrollment management at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles.

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## 1976

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**Mindy (Blackwood) D'Alessandro** is a financial planner with American Express Financial Advisors in Orlando, Fla. She invites classmates to call or stop by when they are in central Florida.

**Paul McNulty** is a partner in Ernst & Young.

**Stephen "Munchy" Wright** owns a wholesale produce and specialty food distribution company in Austin, Texas. He's also on the national board of governors of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay and lesbian civil rights political action committee, legislative lobby and education organization.



## IF THE SHOE FITS...

At the end of 1997, **Edwin Keh '79** of Hong Kong left his job as managing director of Donna Karan International's Far East operation. Looking for something more challenging, fun and exciting, he instead found the biggest economic crisis in Asia's history.

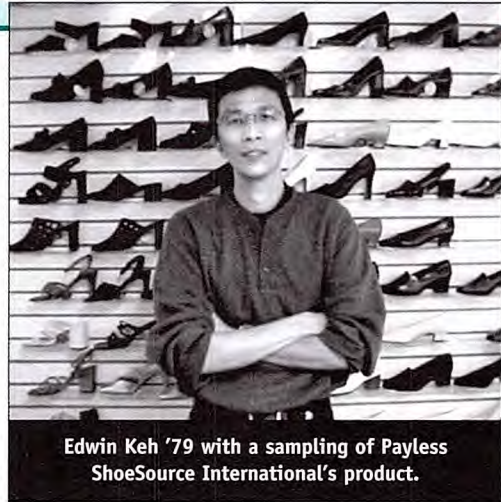
"I'd had two businesses reporting to me," Keh said, "producing about 55 percent of everything Donna Karan sold under the Donna Karan and DKNY labels. It was time for a change, even though I wasn't sure what that change would be.

"I tried my hand as a consultant," Keh said, "while all around me the Far East was going through one of the most fundamental financial shakeouts in living memory. People and organizations became more and more short-term and survival focused."

Then Keh found the largest shoe retailer in the U.S., which also had a huge business in Asia, where they needed his skills. He moved with his family—wife Claudia and sons Andrew, John and Joshua—to Taipei, where he became vice president and managing director of Payless ShoeSource International.

It's a big step from the \$1,000 suit to the \$9.99 shoe, but it's one that Keh was happy to make. "Payless is probably the largest shoe retailer in the world," he said. "We sell something like 210 million pairs of shoes a year out of 4,600 stores in the U.S. and Canada alone.

"Sometimes people ask me how I feel about making the jump from designer dresses to Payless," he added. "I say you may not find these shoes on a runway model, but it feels very good to provide a quality product that is needed and well received by so many people working in the real world."



Edwin Keh '79 with a sampling of Payless ShoeSource International's product.

## 1977

For news of **Sharon (Uyeda) Eno**, see **John Eno '70**.

## 1980

After 15 years as a psychotherapist, **Cathy (Solis) Whitehouse** earned a master's in education and now works primarily as a school psychologist.

## 1981

**Lori (Sieracki) Wartenberg** is a senior technical writer with Beckman Coulter, Inc. in Chaska, Minn.

## 1982

**Lorie Morris** ran in her fourth Portland to Coast Relay Walk in August.

## 1983

**Rob Johnson** is an assistant vice president with Toll Brothers, Inc., a luxury home builder and real estate developer. He lives with his family in Westborough, Mass.

**Neevy (Pal) and Dan Isenbarger** are living in Bangkok, Thailand. She is community liaison officer for the U.S. Embassy.

## 1984

**Luis Camarena** is a school coordinator in Maywood, Calif.

**Gary Day** is a dean at Northview High School in Covina, Calif. He lives in Chino Hills with his wife and three children.

**Debra (Lozano) Cacho** is a kindergarten teacher in Chino Hills, Calif.

**Jenny (Ward) Ayala** is senior director of purchasing at Ingram

Micro. She and her husband, Dan, have two children.

## 1985

**Tim Arick, J.D. '96**, is vice president of Dwyer-Curlett, Inc., a mortgage banking firm in Los Angeles.

**Bob DeLeon** is western division sales manager with Johnson & Johnson Professional. He lives in Cerritos, Calif., where he's active in recreational coaching.

**Anita (Hale) Miller** is an account executive with a finance company in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Jill (Clift) Mathur** is a vice president for corporate finance with Sanwa Bank. She lives in Sunnyvale, Calif., with her husband, Vishaal, and their two daughters.

**Almut (Hoeschele) Gassmann** is enjoying being a stay-at-home-mom.

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## BIRTHS

To Stephen and **Maryann Courtois-Horsley '79**, a son, Aaron Yun Ho, adopted in 1996, and a daughter, Emma Park, adopted in 1998.

To **Albert Cuadra, Jr. '82**, a daughter, Alina Terese, on Sept. 22, 1998.

To **Jose Lazalde '82**, a daughter, Monica Elizabeth, on Jan. 5, 1998.

To Eric and **Teresa Johnson-Ontiveros '83**, a son, Neil Alexander, on Aug. 16, 1998.

To Christine and **Roman Padilla '84**, a son, Lucas Jonathon, on Aug. 22, 1998.

To **Norma (Robles) '85** and Juan Samayoa, a son, Gian Carlo, on Nov. 15, 1998.

To **Karen (Morales) McGauley '87**, a daughter, Sarah Marie, on March 3, 1998.

To Tracey and **Paul Albertini '88**, a son, Nicolas Edward, on Oct. 19, 1998.

To **Lisa (Burnett) '88** and Patrick Hayes, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on Dec. 10, 1998.

To **Pam (Hill) '89** and Tarjei Park, a daughter, Elizabeth Emily Anastasia, on July 13, 1998.

To **Angel (Ayala) '90** and **Marty Musker '90**, a son, Robert Martin, on May 27, 1998.

To **Lorri (Porr) '90** and Ariel Sabban, a son, Jordan Micah, on Nov. 14, 1998.

To **Debbie (Hansen) '91** and **Vince Yasaki '91**, a son, Caleb Takumi, on Oct. 7, 1998.

To Jennifer and **Philip Bergerson '92**, a daughter, Viviana Arielle, on Feb. 1, 1998.

To **Sheri (Hansmeier) '92** and **Floyd Cheung '92**, a daughter, Claire Susan, on Nov. 12, 1998.

To **Darra (London) '92** and **Jonathan Wray '92**, a son, Mason, on Nov. 24, 1998.

To **Nahid (Mokhtari) '92** and Cary Silahian, a daughter, Gianna, on Aug. 10, 1998.

To **Ellen (DeLacey) '94** and **Aaron Hathaway '93**, a son, Isaac William, on Oct. 29, 1998.

To **Cheryl (Swetland) '96** and Michael Florez, a daughter, Ashlie-Mychal, on April 14, 1998.

**Nancy (Ogaz) Gonzalez** is director of contracts at Heritage Hospital in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

**Eric Olson** lives in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where, he writes, "Life is grand. If you know me, come see me."

**Tom Pillon** is a physical education and health teacher with the Norwalk/La Mirada (Calif.) Unified School Districts, and also coaches football at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children.

**Rik Reed** is a quality assurance manager for Ingram/Micro Integration Services in Fullerton, Calif.

**Norma Robles-Samayoa** is a flight attendant with United Airlines.

**Fred Rocha** is a professor of computer technology at Cypress (Calif.) College. He also serves as site coordinator for the Yorba Linda School of Continuing Education and the Fullerton College Wilshire Center.

**Carrie (Smaltz) Smart** received her M.S. from California State University at Fullerton and has relocated to Weston, Vt.

**Steve Snyder** honeymooned in Europe last year. He is a project manager for new product development at Lantronix, an ethernet connectivity company.

**Jim Waddell** divides his time between working as a senior consumer sales and service associate for Union Bank of California and as a paid call-captain for the Orange County Fire Authority in Lake Forest.

## 1986

**Marty Spalka** is a rescue paramedic with the San Francisco Fire Department. He bought a house on two acres in Cotati and writes that "all Sachsens are welcome to come up and party."

**Joe MacDonald** teaches history for the Chino Valley (Calif.) Unified School District.

**Randy Muraoka** is assistant vice president of the largest locally owned finance company in Hawaii. He and his family visited Southern California last fall.



## 1988

**Debra Baverman** is director of audits, standards and accreditation with SCAN Health Plan, an HMO in Southern California.

**David Laskey** is an operations manager with Dayton Hudson Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Tony MacAllister** writes that he misses California after living in Boston for four years. He is an art director with Trader Joe's East.

## 1989

**Jeff Reeves** was promoted to global product manager for Ingram Micro in Santa Ana, Calif. He lives in Dana Point.

**Karen (Ritter)** and **Tom Bienz** moved to Philadelphia last year after he completed his orthopedic residency in at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester. He has a fellowship to study hand surgery.

**Donna (Vollbrecht) Sanford** is a teacher of the deaf at Rincon Middle School in Escondido, Calif.

## 1990

**Angel (Ayala)** and **Marty Musker** live in Chicago with their son.

Since she completed her master's in international policy studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 1993, **Cassandra Beyer** has worked her way through the ranks of software development at Psynosis Limited, a subsidiary of Sony Corp. of America. Her focus is producing software for Japan and other Asian territories.

**Linda Jo (Bone) Jeng** received her M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania last spring. She is in pediatric residency training at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Teresa Hold** writes that she changed her career focus from traditional accounting to implementation consulting for ERP software for SCA Technologies Corp. in Dallas, where she is a senior consultant.

## 1991

**Berto Cerasi** lives in Wantagh, N.Y., with his wife and daughter. He coaches varsity girls' soccer and varsity boys' lacrosse.

**Gregory Felzien** is in a two-year fellowship program in infectious diseases at the Medical University of South Carolina. He graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1995 and spent three years at Vanderbilt University Hospital for his internal medicine residency and internship. Last fall he passed the test to become board certified in internal medicine.

**Laura (Martin)** and **Jamie Gowing '93** live in Newfields, N.H. Jamie is manager of the Woodworker's Warehouse in Seabrook and in his spare time has almost single-handedly added a second floor to their home. Laura, who received a master's degree in history from the University of New Hampshire last July, is curator at the American Independence Museum in Exeter.

**Jennifer Schwertman** is a hat designer with Jen Head Inc. in North Carolina.

**Rebecca Totaro** teaches English at Florida Gulf Coast University. She lives in Ft. Myer with her husband, Rob Olive.

## 1992

**Brooke Daggett** and her husband, **Bob Greczanik '93**, live in Bellevue, Wash., but they both work in Seattle. Brooke is a teacher and curriculum consultant, and Bob, who has a master's degree in acupuncture from the Northwest

Institute of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, practices at Olympic Rehabilitation Specialties.

**Scott Dalton** was on the German national lacrosse team at the 1998 world championships in Baltimore, Md.

**Hilton Lam** is special assistant for economics to the consultant on Mindanao economic affairs in the office of the president of the Philippines. He is also in his first year of graduate studies at the University of the Philippines.

**Kimberly (Powell) Albarian** is a community services supervisor for cultural arts and research for the city of Whittier.

**Cindy Salac** and her fiancé, **Hale La Bore '93**, spent quite a bit of time traveling last year. They vacationed in Maui, and also traveled to Italy, New York and New Orleans before relocating to San Francisco.

**Cynthia (Wiltberger) Gneiser** is a cruise director for Wind Star. She lives in the British Virgin Islands.

## 1993

For news of **Jamie Gowing**, see **Laura (Martin) Gowing '91**.

For news of **Bob Greczanik**, see **Brooke Daggett '92**.

For news of **Hale La Bore**, see **Cindy Salac '92**.

**Anne Massey** received her M.A. in teaching from George Fox University last spring.

**Eric Pomboy** is studying film at USC.

**Mike Poutre** is an investment executive with Paine Webber in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**Samina Shaw** is a housewife and mother in New Delhi, India.

## 1994

**Guy Cerasoli** is a student at the University of Denver College of Law.

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## MR. STRICKLAND GOES TO SACRAMENTO

In 1992, Tony Strickland '93 ran for president of the Whittier student body. He made it to the runoff in a close race, but in the end, he lost.

In 1998, Strickland ran for a seat in the California State Assembly. It was another close one—too close to call until the absentee ballots were tallied a week after the election. But this time, he won.

"It was very emotional," Strickland said about the long wait to learn whether he would buck the statewide pro-Democratic tide or follow many of his fellow Republicans to defeat. "When you put that much time and effort into something, and have so many people working so hard for you, that uncertainty is tough. But one thing I learned at Whittier was that hard work pays off, and now I have an awesome responsibility representing 400,000 Californians."

Strickland, a self-described "pure conservative," represents California's 37th District in Ventura County, where he spends every weekend with his wife, Audra, a junior high school teacher. Up in Sacramento, he's already made something of a splash with his appointment to the prestigious position of minority whip. It's an unusual distinction for a freshman, especially one who at 29 happens to be the youngest member of the Assembly. "I'm very proud," Strickland said of his appointment. "A lot of people have put a lot of trust in me."

Strickland's success doesn't come as a surprise to many who knew him at Whittier, where he was a basketball star and founder of the Richard Nixon Republican Club. "Tony graduated from Whittier with the respect of his peers and his professors—even those who disagreed completely with his positions on the issues," recalled Fred Bergerson, professor of political science. "He was able to build good relationships with people on both sides, and that speaks well of his character."

In January, Strickland had a chance to re-live a Whittier memory when his former teacher Dick Harvey visited the state Capitol with his "Politics Beyond the Classroom" students. It was a trip Strickland made himself as a student, and one he remembers as an exciting chance to see some of California's movers and shakers in action. But this time, Strickland was the group's host—a player, not a spectator.

The action Strickland is seeing in Sacramento includes serving on the Assembly's budget, health, insurance and judiciary committees ("all really high-volume committees," he noted), co-chairing the ethics committee, and serving on a Republican task force to formulate education policy. Soon after he was sworn in, Strickland introduced Assembly Bill 35, which would expand the death penalty to include repeat rapists and child molesters, and he's working on a bill that will focus on merit pay.



Tony Strickland '93

COURTESY OF TONY STRICKLAND

**Gary Chong** graduated from the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic last year and practices at a clinic in San Marino, Calif.

**Robin Lyn Hickin** lives in San Antonio, Tex., where she recently assisted in the opening of a new TGI Friday's restaurant.

**Reed Houchens** is a chemist with AmVac. He lives in Whittier.

For news of **David Lowrey**, see **Linda (Munoz) Lowrey '95**.

**Debbie (Martin) and Stanford Clark** bought a home in Lee, N.H.

Debbie is a program director at Great Bay Kids Company in Exeter, and Stanford works in the corporate office of Trendlines, Inc. in Revere, Mass.

**Mark Quigley** owns Smart Bodies, a personal fitness, nutrition and physical therapy facility in Marlton, N.J. It was voted "the best place to get in shape in southern New Jersey." He plans to open a second facility this summer in Philadelphia.

## 1995

**Elizabeth Briggs** is a financial service specialist with Sun America Securities. She works with clients on retirement and savings plans. She writes, "I've been able to utilize my Spanish in this field, and I enjoy helping people to help themselves."

**JaMarr Brown** is senior territory manager with Allergan Pharmaceuticals—the company he interned with as a Whittier



student—and he's third in sales nationwide.

**John Chier** lives in San Diego with his wife, Darlene.

**Linda Cordova** lives in Pico Rivera, Calif., and is a fourth-grade teacher. She is engaged to classmate **Marty Eazor**.

**Nanette Do** is in the public administration and health service administration master's program at the University of San Francisco.

**Marissa (Gallegos) Lovato** teaches second grade at Sorensen Elementary School in Whittier.

**Tamra Hackett** works with Smith, Bucklin and Associates in Washington, D.C.

**Kathy Hargitay** writes that she'll complete her M.B.A. in May.

**Tiffany Hilberth** visited Nepal and Thailand last fall.

**Ben Hubble** moved to Kirkland, Wash. He works in publications for the Washington Society of CPAs, where, he writes, there are "lots of design and writing tasks."

**Shu-Shu Loh** works with Care Medical Group in Brea, Calif. In her spare time, she takes craft classes at classmate **Kelly Thompson's** shop, The Pasadena Bead Company.

**Scott McAdam** will complete law school this spring, and writes that he's looking forward to practicing environmental law with a large firm in Los Angeles.

**Linda (Munoz) and David Lowrey '94** live in Whittier.

**Joo Ro** is an import specialist with the U.S. Customs Service.

**Eric Somilleda** is a teacher and football coach at Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead, Calif.

**Esther Stocker** is attending graduate school at the University of California at San Francisco.

**Hue Tran** is a research supervisor with Sunsoft Corporation in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Sheldon Tuck** lives in Los Angeles.

**Dina (Van Klaveren) Stimler** is director of the Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.

**Nicole Winger** works for a health care lobby in Sacramento, Calif. She writes that she is a volunteer for political and children's issues, including the Big Sister program.

**Kelly Wolfe** lives in Denver. He manages Hops Grill and Brewery, and enjoys golf and snowboarding in his free time.

## 1996

**Noelani Ajimine** is a registered nurse in Honolulu.

**Helen Baron** is in her second year of medical school at the University of Southern California.

**Cindy Bartok** is attending Pacific Graduate School of Psychology.

**Maggie Chan** is a laboratory technician with the newborn and prenatal genetic screening program at Long Beach (Calif.) Memorial Medical Center. She plans to study nursing.

**Nancy Gonzalez** is a marketing and resident relations representative for a retirement center near San Francisco.

**Helen Han-Lee** is a technical writer with Alpha Therapeutic Corp.

**Tina (Ibanez) Yates** and her husband, **Brian '97**, are both in their second year at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

**Ryan Johnson** works in the production administration department of Mandalay Entertainment. He is taking film classes at UCLA and recently completed his first screenplay.

**Tresha Marshall** is a contract administrator for television syndication with Sony Entertainment/Columbia Tristar.

**Heatherlynn (Nickles) Lane** writes that since graduating, she's been working as a stage manager in professional theater in Los Angeles County, most recently as production manager and company stage manager for the Pasadena Shakespeare Company. She also does free-lance production work and teaches piano.

**Jennifer Sanchez-Salazar** writes that she is giving "semi-serious thought to becoming a reading specialist or resource teacher for elementary students."

**Sara Stockman** works for Hughes Space and Communications. She runs marathons, and writes that her best time is 3 hours and 25 minutes.

**Cheryl (Swetland) Florez** lives in Moreno Valley, Calif., where she is a recreation teacher.

**Dan Trujillo** is an account manager for Viking Freight Inc. in the San Fernando (Calif.) Valley.

**Amber Wallace** received her master's degree in physical therapy from Chapman University last spring. She works for START Physical Therapy in Irvine, Calif.

In her last year as a Rhodes Scholar, **Malaika Williams** was starting center on the Oxford University women's basketball team. She writes: "We won not only the all-important varsity match against Cambridge and the town vs. gown game, but also the British Championships—the equivalent of the NCAA championships for England, Scotland and Wales." She is now studying at the UCLA School of Medicine.

## 1997

**Matt Block** is a student at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn.

**Art Contreras** is an animal research technician for DeltaGen in San Carlos, Calif.

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**Carrie Forrest** is a development associate with the foundation office of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

**Nathaniel H. Goetz** is coordinator of public policy at the Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth, Western Regional Office in Glendale, Calif. He's been accepted to Oxford University, Christ Church College's summer graduate session and will spend the summer studying international public policy.

**Joy Lennox** is an underwriter with Mercury Insurance in Brea, Calif.

**Arni Paed** is a quality control technician for Chemicon International, a biotech company in Temecula, Calif., that manufactures antibodies against viruses.

**Aimee Williamson** lives in Hemet, Calif., where she teaches seventh- and eighth-grade language arts and is associated student body director at Winchester School.

For news of **Brian Yates**, see **Tina (Ibanez) Yates '96**.

1998

**Valery (Martinez) Lopez** is a counselor at Dexter Middle School in Whittier.

## FINDING A NICHE, AND FILLING IT

"By the time I was six months old," says **Jill Caviezel '97**, co-founder and program director of the Community Alliance for the Blind (CAB) in Whittier, "my parents noticed that I scrunched my eyes up against the light, so they knew something was wrong. It's been called everything from a form of retinitis pigmentosa to 'we don't know what this is.' Now they say it's cone dystrophy.

"I was mainstreamed because I wanted to go to regular school just like everyone," Caviezel added. "None of my friends were visually impaired, and I wanted to fit in. Because I could cope so well, and because I faked it a lot—like holding a book and pretending to read in class—no one really knew what it was like for me."

Caviezel and two friends started CAB so that other young visually impaired persons wouldn't have to fake it.

"What we want to provide is volunteer and social opportunities for young people," Caviezel said. "We're not duplicating service provided by other groups that work with the visually impaired. We're complementary, not competitive. There's lots to do."

CAB was incorporated on Aug. 14, 1997, just three months after Caviezel graduated. It operates on a limited budget, funded by donations from corporations, foundations and the City of Whittier, as well as individual donors.

CAB kids have volunteered with the Red Cross and the Rio Hondo Temporary Home, and staffed game and crafts booths at the joint Christmas party with the Blind Children's Learning Center and the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center.

"People don't think of the visually impaired when they need employees, much less volunteers," Caviezel said, "but they are perfectly willing and able. One 18-year-old came to me with tears in her eyes after that Christmas party, because it was the first time anyone had ever asked for her help." CAB volunteers have also harvested vegetables for the homeless, served at a spaghetti dinner and chaperoned a prom for children with speech and language problems.

For just plain fun, CAB has arranged for trips to the Long Beach Aquarium and to Knott's Berry Farm. Earlier this year, they started a social program for young adults. "When you think about going out to dinner, or to a bar or club or a concert, no one thinks about what that poses for the visually impaired," Caviezel said. "We're going to organize weekend trips for these folks, too, because everyone needs to get away now and then. Why should the visually impaired be any different?"



**Jill Caviezel '97 (center) watches as Jennifer Bohlmann '98 demonstrates the fine art of paper-stocking construction to a guest at the Christmas party sponsored by the Community Alliance for the Blind.**



## POETS BRING HOME HONORS, OLD SHOES AND THE SCIAC TITLE

Not since 1982 have the Poet faithful seen their team take the SCIAC title in an undefeated season of conference play. Little doubt remained about the Poets after they met Occidental at their final conference game and left with a bold 30-14 victory, while retaining possession of the much-coveted "shoes," which go to the winner of this rivalry every year.

A season of solid defense and a relentless air attack, as well as dedicated players and coaches, led Whittier to its first outright title in 16 years. The conference title, however, was

not the only honor given to this year's Poet football team.

Several players were honored, including quarterback Steve Luce '99, who was named SCIAC Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight year. This season, Luce accumulated 2,472 yards passing (275 average per game) and 18 touchdowns. Other players named to the All-SCIAC first team were Otis Carmichael '01, Ryan Colberg '99, Elvin Dick '00, Jeremiah Johnson '99, Tony Lercara '99, Marcos Ramirez '99, Jeremy Snyder '00 and George Willacey '99. Players named to the All-SCIAC second team were Geoff Ackerman '99, Marcel

Desir '99, Jason Kohler '01, James McDugle '99 and Scott Shraiberg '99. National recognition was given to Johnson, Luce, Ramirez and Snyder for receiving Division III All-American honorable mentions, and to Willacey, named to the Division III All-American third team.

Head coach Bob Owens—last year's SCIAC Co-Coach of the Year—was named Coach of the Year this season. The implications of the honor are apparent when speaking with him or his players—a mutual respect is found both on and off the field.

Owens told the *Whittier Daily News*, "Anything that happens for me is strictly a reflection of a great coaching staff and great players at this school."

His players are ready to give credit to their coach, though. "He's an excellent coach," said Johnson. "He cares a great deal about each player here, and he devotes a significant amount of time to ensuring that we all reach our full potentials as students first and players second."

Owens—who came to Whittier in 1996 with 25 years of coaching experience under his belt—brought the faltering Poets (whose record was 2-16 from 1994 through 1996) to a 5-4 record and the SCIAC co-championship in only one year. ♦

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RICH CHEATHAM '88

With Joe Delaney '00 (#68) throwing blocks for him, SCIAC Offensive Player of the Year Steve Luce '99 (#12), looks past Damin Hurst '02 (#1) for an open receiver downfield.



## MARVIN JOHNSON: A SPIRITED POET, THEN AND NOW

Only two weeks after his final college football game, Poet linebacker Marvin Johnson '97 was in a life-threatening car accident while returning home from Las Vegas with his family and girlfriend. Johnson's mother, brother and girlfriend were killed when his brother fell asleep at the wheel, causing their car to swerve off the road, hit the median and flip several times. Despite a severe head injury, a punctured lung and a compound fracture of his left leg, Johnson survived the accident.

His condition is steadily improving with the help of a rigorous recovery program at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey and the support of Poet teammates, head coach Bob Owens and other Whittier College students. He is expected to regain his memory (which was partially lost), as well as his speech and full use of his leg, within two years.

Currently, Johnson can only communicate with the aid of an alphabet chart, and he has been confined to a wheelchair since the accident. His Poet spirit,

however, has not waned. This season, he attended most football games and saw the Poets win their first outright SCIAC title since 1982. Poet players and coaches agree that Johnson's presence at the games served as an incredible inspiration as they pursued the championship.

Speaking of Johnson's support for the team, Marcos Ramirez '99 said, "Before, during and after the games this season, I would see Marvin on the

sidelines, smiling and rooting the team on. This didn't just inspire me, it inspired everyone and was a boost to our spirits. His will to live and his love of life are very humbling." ♦



*All smiles, Marvin Johnson '97 served as an inspirational leader for the Poet team this year.*

## POETS LAY TO WASTE LONG-STANDING RECORDS

Football was not the only fall sport to claim its share of honors this year. Water polo, volleyball and men's and women's cross-country as well as soccer players were also recognized both locally and nationally.

This season in water polo, Sergio Macias '01—coached

under Mitch Carty '96, M.Ed. '98—led in scoring with a dominating 127 points and was selected SCIAC Player of the Year, the first Whittier College water polo athlete to be given that honor. Macias was also named to the Western Water Polo Association's Honorable Mention team and was selected



for the All-American first team. Teammate C.J. Carty '00 was named to the All-SCIAC first team for his third straight season.

Kristi Vandenberg, head women's volleyball coach, saw team captain, MVP and outside hitter Maricela Valdez '99 named to the All-SCIAC first team and Mandy Arnold '00 named to the All-SCIAC second team.

Under the leadership of Greg Phillips, men's cross-country— with their best finish since 1965—was fronted by Juan Rodriguez '99, the first runner to win conference finals since

1957. Rodriguez placed first in both SCIAC meets, was named SCIAC Runner of the Year, and made the All-SCIAC first team. He was also team MVP, placed third in the NCAA All-West Regional meet, and qualified for the National Championships in Pennsylvania, where he placed 61st out of 184 runners.

Other cross-country honors went to Luis Ibarra '02, who placed fifth in the SCIAC finals, earning both All-SCIAC first team and All-West Region honors; Matt Stuart '00, named to the All-SCIAC first team and keeper of the new 300-meter

steeplechase record (9:42); and Chris Lahti '01 as well as Peter Maksimow '01, both of whom were named to the All-SCIAC second team.

Honors for the women's cross-country team, also coached by Phillips, included first-year runner Tiffany Murrey '99, who was team MVP and named to the All-SCIAC second team.

Women's soccer—under the direction of Kwame Lloyd—saw runner-up Player of the Year, All-American nominee and forward Kelly Kaitanjan '01 named to the All-SCIAC second team and the second All-Far West team. She started all 19 matches this season and led the entire conference with a crushing 23 points scored.

Additional honors in women's soccer went to goalkeeper Averyl Growden '00, named to the All-SCIAC second team, and team captain Cindy Bock '99, who was named to the All-SCIAC first team and was an All-American nominee.

Men's soccer, under former coach Pat Noyes, saw both Shawn Power '00 and Chris Hooper '01 named to the All-SCIAC second team. ♦

## BOX SCORES

Teams competing in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) are Caltech, Cal Lutheran, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, La Verne, Occidental, Pomona-Pitzer, Redlands and Whittier. Not all schools participate in every sport. Here's how Whittier's sports teams fared.

### FALL

Team	Overall Record	Conference Record	Conference Ranking
Men's Cross-Country	6-1	6-1	2th
Women's Cross-Country	2-5	2-5	6th
Football	7-2	5-0	1st
Men's Soccer	6-13	4-6	6th
Women's Soccer	2-17	2-10	6th
Women's Volleyball	11-15	6-6	4th
Men's Water Polo	17-10	5-4	T-4th



## THE BOTTOM LINE

### WEINGART GRANT ADDS SPACE

A \$500,000 challenge grant from the Weingart Foundation in Los Angeles has provided Whittier with a problem it doesn't often have to solve—how to fill new space.

The grant and \$500,000 in matching funds were used to purchase a 6,000-square-foot office building at the southwest corner of Painter Avenue and Philadelphia Street.

Directly across the street from Mendenhall, the white, red-tile-roofed building ties in with much of the campus design.



*Purchased by Whittier College earlier this year, this building at the corner of Painter Avenue and Philadelphia Street will be the latest addition to the campus.*

Escrow closed in February, and minor renovations began immediately.

Although one of the main reasons for the purchase was to move faculty out of the badly aging Redwood building, the new

space will not necessarily become faculty office or classroom space. A faculty committee is reviewing space options for the entire campus and the college is expected to occupy the building sometime this summer. ♦

### ALBERT UPTON REMEMBERED

Several alumni who took Albert Upton's "Basic Communications" course between 1931 and 1967 reconnected and celebrated his impact on their lives at a symposium on campus Jan. 28.

In a special presentation, participants discussed the effect the former professor of English had on their personal and professional lives. Panelists included Ann (Dahlstrom) Farmer '56, associate professor of English at Whittier; William Geiger '62, the Albert W. Upton



*Anne Upton '48, M.A. '52 (center) is surrounded by former students who participated in a panel discussion during the Albert W. Upton Symposium in January. Pictured are (from left) Kristina Hooper Woolsey, James Romig '60, Ann (Dahlstrom) Farmer '56, M.A. '71, John Nicoll '48, Bill Geiger '62 and Benjamin Tregoe '51, LL.D. '90.*



## RECENT GIFTS TO WHITTIER COLLEGE

Gift	Donor	Purpose
\$100,000	The R. C. Baker Foundation	Weingart Matching Fund
\$10,000	The Ettinger Foundation	Richard P. Ettinger Tennis Center
\$500,000	Stephen Livingston, WLS '01	Law School Endowment
\$50,000	Laurel Meyer '48, M.A. '61	Athletics, Track and Field
\$25,000	Frank '61 and Ann (Dahlitz) Piani '63	Athletics, Track and Field



### COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Gomez '02, pictured with Rick Gillis, general manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of California, is the first in her family to attend college, thanks in part to \$5,000 from Coca Cola. Awarded through the Independent Colleges of Southern California and the Independent

Colleges of Northern California, Coca-Cola's First Generation Scholarship is a new program that will provide almost 100 scholarships at 25 schools in California.

authored with Farmer, and *Making Sense: An Introduction to Basic English*.

Geiger also has presented several papers on Upton's concepts of analysis, metaphor analysis and problem solving at scholarly conferences, including the Modern Language Association. In addition, he published articles describing Whittier's Freshman English and related courses in the *Forum for Liberal Education* and in *New Methods in College Writing Programs*, edited by Paul Connolly and Teresa Vilardi. ♦

Professor of English language and literature; John Nicoll, '48, retired superintendent of the Newport Mesa School District; James Romig '60, the Allbee Professor of Human Development and Learning at Drake University; Benjamin Tregoe '51, chairman of Kepner-Tregoe, Inc.; and Kristina Hooper Woolsey, formerly with Apple Computer.

Richard H. Deihl '49, vice-

chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of Whittier's Endowing the Tradition Capital Campaign, presented an update on the college and the campaign.

Geiger discussed his work as holder of the Upton Chair. He's written two textbooks using Upton's concepts and methods, *The Liberal Arts: Reading, Thinking and Writing*, co-

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

### 25 THURSDAY

12:30 and 7:30 p.m., Whittier College Wind Ensemble, Memorial Chapel

### 29 MONDAY

Spring break through April 4

## APRIL

### 10 SATURDAY

8 p.m., Whittier College Choir, Shannon Center

### 18 SUNDAY

5 p.m., "Brer Rabbit," presented by the California Theatre Center, Shannon Center

### 19 MONDAY

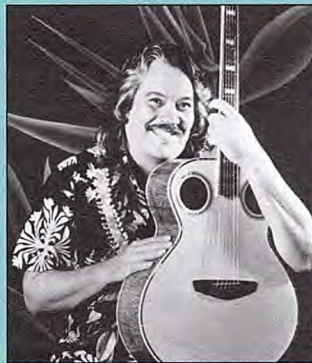
9:30 a.m. Purple & Gold Golf Tournament, Friendly Hills Country Club

### 20 TUESDAY

7 p.m., Student Musicale, Memorial Chapel

### 23-24 FRIDAY-SATURDAY

8 p.m., Hawaiian slack-key guitarist Keola Beamer, Shannon Center



DAVID CORNWELL

**K**eola Beamer, Hawaiian slack-key guitar master, will perform at the Shannon Center April 23-24.

### 25 SUNDAY

3 p.m., "Love Letters," starring Emmy Award-winners Michael Learned and Lawrence Pressman, Shannon Center

## MAY

### 5-9 WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

8 p.m., (2 p.m. Sun.), Theatre Arts Department presents "Re-Imaginations: In the Laboratory," Shannon Center

### 11 TUESDAY

7 p.m., Student Musicale, Memorial Chapel

### 13 THURSDAY

12:30 and 7:30 p.m., Whittier College Wind Ensemble, Memorial Chapel

### 16 SUNDAY

2 p.m., Whittier College String Ensemble, Memorial Chapel

### 18 TUESDAY

5 p.m. Purple & Gold Athletic Awards Dinner, Faculty Center

### 20-24 THURSDAY-MONDAY

Final exams

### 22 SATURDAY

8 p.m. Chorale Bel Canto, All Gershwin, Shannon Center

### 28 FRIDAY

Commencement

### 28-29 FRIDAY-SATURDAY

8 p.m., Hawaiian recording favorites, The Brothers Cazimero, backed by Hawaiian dancers, Shannon Center

## JUNE

### 1 TUESDAY

Summer term starts

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KATIA SKANAVI, MARCH 17



BRER RABBIT, APRIL 18



KEOLA BEAMER, APRIL 23 & 24



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BROTHERS CAZIMERO, MAY 28 & 29

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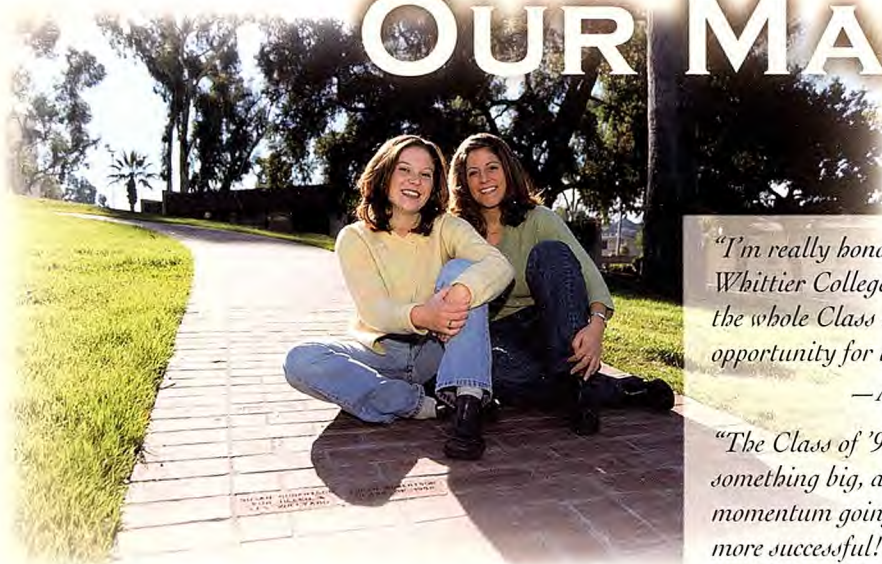
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The Chorale Bel Canto "All Gershwin!" concert, May 22.  
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*—Amanda Vaughn '99*

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*—Jessica Sol '99*

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